BENGALURU, SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 www.Bangaloremirror.com 16 Pages PRICE ₹4

Bangalore Mirror ON SUNDAY

TEMP Max 28 | Min 21 | Humidity 63% Cloudy and breezy Sensex 82,408 | Nifty 25,112 | Gold 98,776 | Silver 1,06,325 | Dollar 86.58 | Euro 99.72 | GBP 116.87

TAKE ME TO THE RIVER

BWSSB to revive Arkavathi River with flood control, sewage treatment plants, parks, and riverfront development

PAGE 4

PARKING SPACE PARTIALITY

Citizens complain traffic police penalise private vehicles while ignoring food trucks parked in no-parking zones

PAGE 5

Panic buttons, a year on: Control room receives 500-600 alerts daily of which around 18 turn out to be genuine while drivers too question purpose of device in the absence of clear standard operating procedure

STOP PUSHING THE BUTTON

Transport dept plans to hold meeting to clarify process as confusion persists

| Sanjana CS
c-sanjana.s@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

One year after panic buttons were made compulsory in cabs and public buses to enhance passenger safety, the system is in the spotlight for its effectiveness. Although the control room receives between 500 and 600 alerts daily, the Transport Department has confirmed that only 18 of these were actual distress cases, sparking concerns about widespread misuse and reliability. Meanwhile, cab drivers argue that the Transport Department has failed to follow up with any calls for clarification, leaving them in a confused state after alerts are triggered.

Transport Department officials revealed that a majority of the alerts roughly 500 to 700 per day turn out to be accidental triggers. This high rate of false notifications is placing an enormous burden on the

CONTINUED ON PAGE 6 »

> When the system becomes a tool for harassment or malfunctions frequently, it does more harm than good. Many of the vehicle owners have installed a panic button for a fitness certificate. All these are just means of looting the money from us —Ramesh, cab driver

How far is the footpath?

Quite far in the making as BBMP struggles to finish work with property owners forcing engineers to do their bidding

| Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

In yet another part of the city, residents are suffering due to infrastructure work dragging on for months. It has been over one year since footpath work began in Yelachenahalli and surrounding areas on Kanakapura Road. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had taken up development of footpaths as part of the High-Density Corridor project.

Even today, the work is unfinished and people have to walk on the roads, which, for obvious reasons is undesirable.

What makes matters worse is that it is a few residents of the area who are behind this inordinate delay. It is said that the BBMP engineers are not able to cope with the unnecessary interference of some of them who claim to have political clout. It is alleged that a few property owners on Kanakapura Road are pressuring the BBMP engineers to make footpaths in front of their buildings as per their requirements. On the other hand, a few others have allegedly told the BBMP they don't want bollards to be installed on the footpath.

The bollards are meant to ensure pedestrian safety and prevent parking of

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4 »

THINGS TO DO

01 Spice stories

Dekho Apna Desh ends with a soulful spread from MP, Chhattisgarh and UP. Chef Santosh Kr Pal serves nostalgia-laced dishes inspired by his school days memories. **Where: MCafé, Marriott Hotel Whitefield; When: June 29, 1.00–4.00 pm**

02 Sporting grace

Embassy International Riding School hosts the 15th Equestrian Premier League from June 27. The EPL showcases top riders and promising young talent in a high-stakes sporting atmosphere. **Where: Embassy International Riding School; When: From June 27**

03 Pride fest

WeWork Galaxy celebrates Pride on June 24 with a pop-up market, inclusive experiences, a fireside chat with changemakers, and a high-energy drag show starring Legendary Karma. **Where: WeWork Galaxy; When: June 24, 11.00 am – 7.00 pm**

04 Dance devotion

Natanam Institute presents Parama Bhagawata Bhadrachala Ramadasu, a Bharatanatyam production tracing the life of saint-poet Ramadasu, led by Acharya Dr Raksha Karthik and her disciples. **Where: Wadia Auditorium, IIWC, Basavanagudi When: June 22, 9.30 am**

05 Nature play date

A nature escape where little explorers climb, sort, build, and create with earth's treasures at every turn. From leaf trails to muddy tales, every moment is an invitation to wonder. Designed especially for ages 1–3. **Where: All Openhouse Centres – Indiranagar, Jayanagar, JP Nagar, Sadashivanagar, HRBR, Sarjapur, Sahakar Nagar, Haralur, HSR & Whitefield; When: June 28– For Ages 1–3; June 29 – For Ages 3–5**

K'taka hikes stamp duty on loan agreements

The Karnataka government has sharply increased stamp duty charges on loans availed through cooperative societies, banks, and nationalised institutions. The hike, ranging from 150% to 400%, triggered outrage, especially among lower and middle-income groups. Previously, borrowers could execute loan agreements on ₹5 or ₹10 stamp papers. Now, they are required to pay significantly more even before receiving the loan. Karnataka has become one of the costliest states in terms of loan-related stamp duty, surpassing several others that charge minimal or no fees. For instance, borrowers taking a ₹5 lakh loan must now pay ₹2,500 as stamp duty. The hike covers several financial documents. Contract agreements and indemnity bonds are up from ₹200 to ₹500. Bank guarantees now cost ₹300, up from ₹200. General Power of Attorney now costs ₹1,000, while Special Power of Attorney increased from ₹100 to ₹500. MODT and mortgage agreements for loans up to ₹10 lakh now attract 0.5% duty, up from 0.1%. Borrowers fear this will further burden access to credit. **— BMB**

Sun salutations at Vidhana Soudha

Yoga practitioners and students gathered in front of Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, on Saturday to perform asanas and mark International Yoga Day with unity and discipline

PIC: KAUSHIK JN

Lalbagh's historic library gets digital rebirth soon

Over 12,000 rare horticulture books digitised, rain proofing added, and museum space built to honour Dr MH Marigowda's rich botanical contributions

Sridhar Vivan
sridhar.vivan
@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @sridharvMirror

The much-awaited rejuvenation of Dr M H Marigowda National Horticulture Library at Lalbagh has entered its final phase, with the Department of Horticulture now preparing to inaugurate the facility, which will feature a new e-library and museum. The project, which began a few years ago, marks a significant upgrade to one of South Asia's oldest horticultural libraries.

The Department of Horticulture has spent nearly ₹1 crore on restoring and upgrading this heritage site. A central highlight of the renovation is the creation of an e-library to safeguard over 12,000 rare books on plants, horticulture, and garden design. These texts have been digitised to preserve valuable content and make it more accessible to researchers and the public alike.

Speaking on the transformation, H T Balakrishna, Deputy Director of the Horticulture Department, said, "We have safely archived priceless paintings from the library. Every book has been scanned and digitised, ensuring no precious content is lost. All valuable materials are now secure."

Given that the library building falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Archaeology, careful measures were taken to ensure that the original structure remained untouched. The renovation of the interiors was carried out under the guidance of INTACH (Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage). Even intricate teakwood carvings were incorporated without damaging the original architecture.

To prevent rainwater damage — a long-standing concern for the building — a proper drainage system has been constructed around the left and right flanks of the building, leading from the main gate and the outpost at the rear. A 13-foot-long trench has been laid to channel rainwater away from the library walls, ensuring its longevity. Out of the ₹1 crore allotted for the renovation, approximately ₹16 lakh has been specifically allocated for the creation of a horticulture museum and digitisation efforts.

The library holds around 750 oil paintings and sketches, many from the 19th century, adding to its historical significance

> **"We have safely archived priceless paintings from the library. Every book has been scanned and digitised, ensuring no precious content is lost**
> – H T Balakrishna, Deputy Director, Department of Horticulture

A treasure trove of knowledge

With a history spanning over 140 years, the Lalbagh Horticulture Library houses thousands of rare volumes on botany, horticulture, encyclopaedias, plant species, and even historic gazetteers. It is regarded as a vault of botanical and horticultural documentation, offering unique insights into plant taxonomy and garden design. Each plant species has dedicated literature compiled through the meticulous efforts of the library's founders and past custodians.

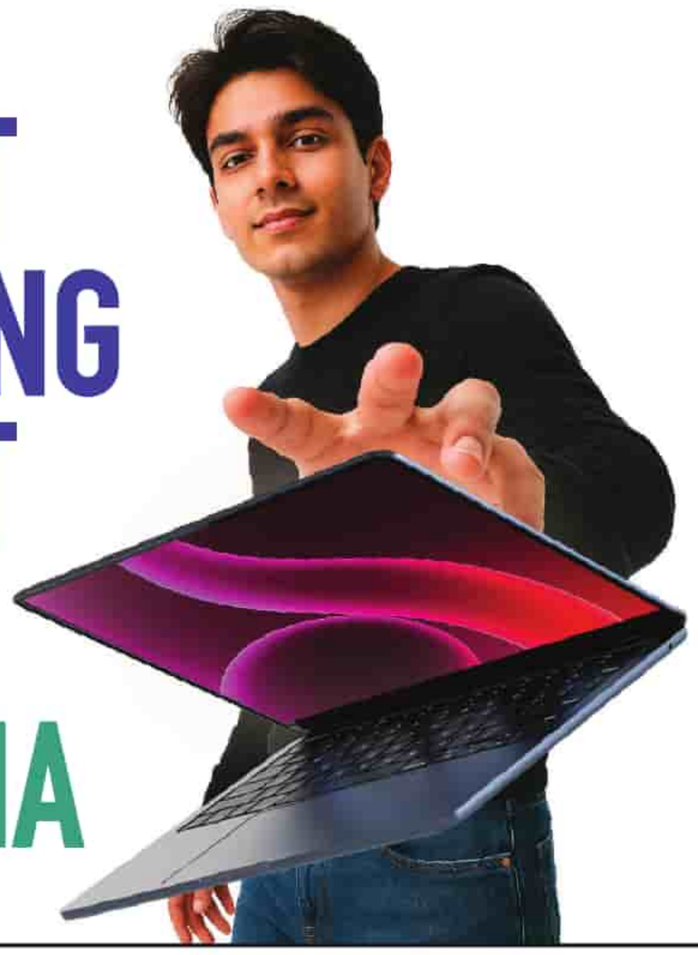
Legacy in paint

The library also holds around 750 oil paintings and pencil sketches, many dating back to the 19th century, further elevating its historical significance. "The library building is a heritage structure protected by the Archaeology Department. We've ensured the restoration did not affect the structural integrity. A dedicated museum is now being created to showcase the life and contributions of Dr M H Marigowda, and we're in the process of collecting relevant photographs," said Dr M Jagadeesh, Joint Director, Department of Horticulture by adding that once inaugurated, the refurbished library and museum are expected to become not just a research hub but also a major heritage attraction in the heart of Bengaluru.

croma | A TATA Enterprise

Special Offer on Laptops

START STRONG START WITH CROMA



Starting **₹2,499*** per month

Up to **₹10,000*** Cashback

24 months **Zero Cost EMI***

Up to **7.5%** Additional Superrr **Exchange Benefit**

FREE GIFTS Up to ₹6,499*

Laptop **Health Check-up @₹1***

Ryzen 3 Laptops starting **₹28,990***

FREE Microsoft Office

Get Wireless Mouse + Antivirus worth ₹**999 FREE***

Intel i3 Laptops starting **₹32,990***

FREE Microsoft Office

Get Wireless Mouse + Antivirus worth ₹**999 FREE***

AI Laptops starting **₹54,990***

FREE Microsoft Office

Get Antivirus + Noise Victor Watch worth ₹**2,499** FREE*

Gaming Laptops starting **₹52,990***

FREE Microsoft Office

Get Gaming Mouse + Antivirus worth ₹**2,499 FREE***

55% Off* on select Printers on purchases above ₹3,999

For more offers visit: stores | croma.com | TATA NEU

Up to ₹7,500 Instant Discount on select Bank Cards*

AMERICAN EXPRESS · DBS · FEDERAL BANK · HDFC BANK · HSBC · IDFC FIRST Bank

Up to ₹1,000 Cashback on Consumer Finance* BAJAJ FINSERV

ZIPCARE A TATA Product

Laptop Health Check-up worth ₹1,398
Now @ ₹1

Now Open @ Hesarghatta | RT Nagar | Yeshwanthpur | 30+ Stores across Bangalore

*The prices mentioned are for one unit of the product | Customer can either avail a discount offer or freebie offers | Offer valid till stock lasts | Offer valid on select brands/categories/products/days/locations | Offer valid at stores | The final price shall be subject to cashback offers/discounts provided by participating banks or Croma or exchange value of your old Product or all of the above, as applicable | In addition, select products may be eligible for exchange bonus as well | MRP is inclusive of taxes | For further details, visit stores. | T&C Apply

Public-private partnership to drive Arkavathi River project

BWSSB to revive Bengaluru's lost lifeline with flood control, STPs, parks, and revenue-driven riverfront development spanning four districts and 734 villages

Sridhar.Vivan
@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @sridharvMIRROR

Once a key water source, Arkavathi now struggles with urban neglect

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has launched an ambitious plan to revive the Arkavathi River — once the lifeline of the city — by modelling its rejuvenation on Ahmedabad's Sabarmati Riverfront project. Once a vital water source for Bengaluru and nearby districts, the Arkavathi had fallen into neglect due to unchecked urbanisation and pollution.

"We are committed to rejuvenating the Arkavathi River in the interest of Bengaluru's water future. Meetings have already been held with government departments, NGOs, and private partners. A preliminary survey report is ready, and once the comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) is submitted, we will present the proposal to the state government," said Dr Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB.

He said that with a vision to secure the city's water future, BWSSB is working on a long-term revival project estimated to cost between ₹2,500 crore and ₹3,000 crore. A preliminary survey has already been completed, identifying the river's catchment area, potential restoration zones, and estimated cost. The Board aims to implement the project under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

From lifeline to liability

In 1994, a reservoir was constructed near Hesaraghatta across the Arkavathi River to supply water to the city. Earlier in 1933, the Tippagondanahalli (T G Halli) Reservoir, built at the confluence of Arkavathi and Kumudvathi rivers, catered to West Bengaluru's drinking water needs. However, rapid urban growth, unchecked industrialisation, and untreated effluents eventually turned the river into a polluted channel. Today, the river is highly contaminated, with heavy metals, mercury, and carcinogenic substances found in its waters. Recognising the severity, BWSSB now aims to rejuvenate the river and integrate it into the city's long-term water supply strategy.

> **"A preliminary survey report is ready, and once the comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) is submitted, we will present the proposal to the state government**
>
> –Dr Ram Prasath Manohar, Chairman, BWSSB

Project scope and reach

The rejuvenation plan will cover 53.73 km of the river stretch from Nandi Hills to TG Halli, encompassing a total basin area of 1,449 sq. km. The river flows through parts of Bengaluru Urban, Mandya, Chikkaballapur, and Ramanagara districts. The plan involves 734 villages, 77 settlements along the river's length, 10 lakes, 13 industrial zones, three railway crossings, National Highway-4, three state highways, 17 bridges, and urban localities — though only about 15% of the river basin falls directly under BWSSB's jurisdiction. As the project is envisioned under the PPP model, private investors will be allowed to recoup their investments through multiple revenue streams such as sale of treated water, development of tourism and recreational activities and commercial ventures along the riverfront. The development includes flood management, construction of sewage treatment plants (STPs), solid waste management systems, afforestation, park development, and urban infrastructure enhancements — all following the successful Sabarmati Riverfront example.

Timeline and expertise

For the comprehensive study, BWSSB has engaged IDeck (Infrastructure Development Corporation – Karnataka) at a cost of ₹crore. The firm will prepare the DPR along with transaction advisory services, expected to be submitted by December 2025. An expert committee comprising government officials, NGOs, and private stakeholders will also be formed to oversee the execution and planning stages of the project. Preliminary discussions with various stakeholders have already taken place, and the proposal is expected to move forward following the submission of the DPR.

1 year and more: Work-in-progress... or not?

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

vehicles on the footpath. "I have insisted that the BBMP engineer install bollards on the footpath. There are a few property owners who want to park vehicles on the footpath. The unnecessary interference by some people is hindering the progress of the footpath development," said Gautam Kamath, Board Member of ChangeMakers of Kanakapura Road Association.

Demanding that the BBMP complete the pending works without further delay, Disha Ballad, a resident of Liberty Square, said the footpath on the right side of the road towards Kanakapura is in a bad shape. "The upgradation of the footpath is not up to the mark. There are a few stretches on the footpath that are yet to be developed. The footpath on the right side is not continuous," said Ballad.

Dr Krishnaraja Achar, another resident of the area, said the developed footpath is occupied by street vendors thus leaving no space for pedestrians to walk. "First the BBMP must complete the on-going developmental works that began more than a year ago. I appeal to the authorities, including the police, to ensure the footpaths are pedestrian friendly and not crowded out by street vendors," said Achar.

The footpath seems for keeping pavers and parking vehicles

BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer (Major Roads) Venkatesh Murthy agreed that he was not able to focus on the work due to unnecessary interference by a few locals, especially property owners. "They are not letting us develop the footpaths as per the norms. They invoke the names of politicians and elected representatives. A few property owners do not want bollards to be fixed on the footpath in front of their buildings. Pedestrians insist that I install bollards on the footpath," said the assistant executive engineer.

whatsapp MIRROR
9591233247

Problems in your area?
Send us a picture along with specific details. And please, no phone calls or spamming

Road danger
Sivananda Circle

The signal at Sivananda Circle has been down for nearly a month. With no police presence and heavy traffic, it poses a serious safety risk. Urgent repairs are needed.

Pothole mess
Chinnappa Garden

The road at 2nd Main, 7th Cross in Chinnappa Garden has been dug up and left unrepaired, leaving it riddled with potholes and difficult to navigate.

Chipped off
Chikkagubbi Road

Chikkagubbi Road, off Hennur–Bagalur Road, is in worsening condition, making daily commuting increasingly difficult and unsafe for residents.

Electrocution: Autopsy delayed

After a 10-year-old boy succumbed to electric shock injuries around 12.30 pm at Victoria Hospital, on Friday, a 24-hour delay in initiating the post-mortem has sparked serious allegations against the police. The boy, Anant, had accidentally come into contact with a high-tension wire while playing at home in KR Puram on June 15. He was admitted to Victoria Hospital's burns ward but succumbed to his injuries five days later.

Despite his death, the KR Puram police allegedly delayed filing an FIR and issuing a post-mortem memo. It was only after Tuladevi lodged a complaint late on Friday that police acted. The FIR was registered, and only by Saturday morning, 18 hours later, was the post-mortem memo issued.

The stress and ensuing wait caused Tuladevi much distress and she fainted. The autopsy was finally conducted shortly thereafter.

Tuladevi had complained that her son's death was caused by the negligence of the home-owner, who had illegally constructed a three-story building in violation of BBMP instructions and building construction rules, and the negligence of KPTCL, BESCOM engineers, and BBMP assistant engineers, who did not install any covering even though a high-tension wire passed near the building. The family is originally from Nepal and were living in the city. A case has been registered under IPC Section 106 and Section 3(5) for negligence and equal participation in the act. The delay by authorities have drawn criticism, with many demanding accountability.

—BMB

19-year-old dies by suicide

A 19-year-old man, identified as Sushant, allegedly died by suicide near Babusapalya under the Hennur police station limits. The incident came to light on Friday when Sushant's body was found in a garden along the service road.

Sushant, who is originally from Nepal, had moved to Bengaluru with his family three years ago and was employed at a car showroom in the city. According to police, he had been struggling with personal issues, including heavy alcohol consumption and mental health concerns. "He rarely communicated with his parents and would often stay at friends' homes instead of returning home after work," police said.

Before leaving home, Sushant informed his family of his decision. His departure has drawn concern from the local Nepalese community and his relatives. After conducting the postmortem, authorities handed over the body to his family. A case has been registered at the Hennur police station, and further investigation is underway. The incident highlights the growing need for mental health support, especially among migrant youth facing isolation and adjustment challenges.

—BMB

One-day drive yields big fines

The West Division of Bengaluru City Traffic Police conducted a special drive on Saturday across all its police station limits. The operation targeted drivers and riders flouting traffic norms under the Indian Motor Vehicles (IMV) Act.

A total of 1,079 cases were registered during the drive, and penalties amounting to ₹4,91,500 were collected on the spot. The violations recorded during the special drive included 84 cases of auto drivers not wearing the mandated uniform, resulting in fines totalling ₹42,000. Additionally, 52 auto drivers were penalised ₹26,100 for demanding excess fare, while 44 were fined ₹21,600 for refusing to accept hires. The traffic police also registered 216 cases related to various parking violations, which drew fines amounting to ₹87,500. Furthermore, 683 cases were filed under other miscellaneous traffic violations, contributing a substantial ₹3,14,300 in penalties.

Officials stated that apart from enforcement, awareness was also created among drivers and riders regarding the importance of following traffic rules for public safety and smooth vehicular movement. The West Division Traffic Police have confirmed that such surprise checks and special drives will continue in the coming days to ensure compliance.

—BMB

Man assaulted over old quarrel

A resident of Kengeri, identified as Naeem, was attacked with a machete while visiting his aunt's house in Annasandrapalya. Two years ago, Naeem and Shafiq, then neighbours in Annasandrapalya, had a quarrel during which Naeem allegedly assaulted Shafiq, breaking his teeth. However, the old feud reignited when Naeem returned to the area recently. Around 12.30 am, while Naeem was on his bike near Sri Rama Temple, he was ambushed by Shafiq and his accomplices, Saddam and Imran. One of them, attacked Naeem with a machete.

—BMB

Residents fined, no checks on vendors

Locals of HRBR Layout and Kammanahalli allege biased enforcement as traffic police penalise private vehicles while ignoring food trucks parked in no-parking zones; despite repeated complaints, authorities take little action

Sanjana CS
c-sanjana.s@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

The residents of HRBR Layout and Kammanahalli are raising concerns over the unfair treatment meted out to private vehicle owners. While food trucks and street vendors continue to operate their business throughout the day in unchecked designated "No Parking" zones, private cars parked briefly in the same areas are being clamped and fined by traffic authorities.

According to official data, a staggering 2,56,766 cases of wrong parking were reported in the city up to May this year alone, highlighting the scale of the problem. Residents argue that while enforcement on private vehicle owners has been aggressive, street vendors and food trucks in no-parking zones are being largely ignored.

Residents claim that food trucks and street vendors have taken over busy stretches, making it difficult for them to even find a place to park. Ironically, while these vendors operate with impunity, residents say they are penalised for even a few minutes of roadside parking.

"It's completely unfair," said a resident of Kammanahalli. "There are no designated parking spots in the area. When we park on the side just to grab groceries or pick up food, our cars are clamped. But food trucks are allowed to park for hours without consequence, even though traffic police are standing there."

Residents point out that food trucks operating on narrow residential lanes and main roads not only lead to traffic congestion but also draw large crowds, adding to the chaos. What frustrates them further is the lack of enforcement; traffic police rarely take action against these vendors. As per traffic regulations, food trucks are not permitted to operate in no-parking zones in Bengaluru. Although these mobile eateries are allowed to sell food, they cannot legally park on roads or footpaths, especially in areas marked as no-parking.

Moreover, the BBMP (Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike) has yet to introduce specific licences or regulatory guidelines for food trucks. While the civic body does carry out occasional hygiene inspections, it is still in the process of formulating a clear and comprehensive policy regarding mobile food vendors and designated hawking zones.

"At HRBR Layout 3rd Block, there's a food truck right under a 'No-Parking' board. The authorities do nothing. But if I park my car even slightly near it, they clamp it immediately," said the resident. A resident also remarked, perhaps only half in jest, that, "There seem to be more No-Parking sign boards in Kammanahalli and HRBR than in the rest of Bengaluru combined, at least from what I've observed." Another resident said, "If rules are rules, then they should apply to everyone. Even when traffic police officials are present, they don't take any action against these violations."

> **"There is no indifference between different vehicles. If the rules are violated, then action will be taken**
>
> — ACP of East Traffic

A senior traffic police official, when contacted, said that the department has been trying to balance enforcement with public demand. "We understand the concerns of residents. Food trucks are being looked into. There is no difference between different vehicles. If the rules are violated, then action will be taken, and a fine will be imposed." ACP of East Traffic said.

However, even three days after residents raised the issue with the traffic police through the BTP WhatsApp number, no concrete action has been taken. Upon follow-up, officials stated that the complaint had been forwarded to the KG Halli Traffic Police Station. Meanwhile, residents continue to suffer either circling the area in search of parking or being fined for brief halts while street vendors and food trucks operate freely without any checks.

Unmarked road divider leaves motorists in danger

Residents of Kogilu demand urgent action as accidents persist on crater-filled road with unmarked divider; despite repeated complaints, BBMP is yet to install reflectors

| Y Maheswara Reddy
c-y.reddy@timesofindia.com

TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Residents of Kogilu village and motorists have urged the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities to install reflectors on the road divider to prevent accidents at night, especially during heavy rainfall. They reported that four to five road accidents occurred in one month.

The residents said that they are familiar with the craters, potholes and the unscientific road divider, but it would be tough for outsiders to navigate the craters and potholes on the road. The divider without reflectors poses a danger to the unwary motorists, especially for outsiders.

"I have been complaining to the BBMP authorities and the traffic police for the last six months to fix reflectors on the road divider, but in vain. Three to four road accidents take place every month due to the unscientific road divider. It will be a great help for the motorists if the BBMP authorities fix the reflectors on the road divider," said Mahesh T, a resident of Kogilu.

Condemning the BBMP authorities for being apathetic, Rajesh C, a resident, said the condition of Kogilu Cross Road has become bad to worse due to potholes and craters. "I have complained to the BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer about the road divider. The stretch near Indira Canteen on Kogilu Cross Road has become dangerous for motorists. Road accidents are taking place, but the authorities remain apathetic to fixing the reflectors on the road divider," said Rajesh.

Unmarked divider causing repeated mishaps

"I have been complaining to the authorities and the traffic police for the last six months to fix reflectors on the road divider, but in vain –Mahesh, T, resident

Expressing a similar opinion, Sandeep K, a resident of Kogilu, said the BBMP authorities have not taken measures to either asphalt the road or fill up potholes and craters on this road to facilitate vehicular movement without any hassles. "A stretch on Kogilu Cross Road near Sapthagiri Layout is not safe for motorists at night. It is a pity to see the pathetic condition of motorists who were injured in the road accidents. I appeal to the authorities concerned to fix this problem as early as possible," said Sandeep.

The residents said that they were happy when the BBMP Chief Commissioner directed the engineers a few weeks ago to fill up potholes on the roads in the city. "We expected the BBMP ward engineer to fill up potholes and craters on the road, but nothing has been done to date," said a resident.

Meanwhile, BBMP Assistant Executive Engineer Nagappa said that he has already informed the Traffic Engineering Cell (TEC) about the need to fix reflectors on the road divider. "There is a plan to asphalt Kogilu Cross Road. Civil works have already begun. The asphalting of the road will begin shortly," the Assistant Executive Engineer said.

'Control centre runs 24/7 with 30 staff members'

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

centralised control room, which must treat every alert as a potential emergency until proven otherwise. Officials further explained that the alarms can't be termed fake alerts as there are many people in cabs or buses, who are unaware and curious, who happen to press the button or sometimes some bag may accidentally push the button if the bus is crowded.

Auto and cab unions have been vocal about the lack of coordination between transport officials. They claim that many drivers are now beginning to be interrogated based on false panic alerts triggered by unruly passengers, technical glitches, or even children playing with buttons.

Ramesh, a cab driver, told BM, "There is no clarification till date. We are not against safety measures. But when the system becomes a tool for harassment or malfunctions frequently, it does more harm than good. Many of the vehicle owners have installed a panic button for a fitness certificate. But if officials don't call and enquire, how can we know whether they are monitoring it? According to us, all these are just means of looting the money from us. We nearly spent Rs 5,000 to 8,000 for installation."

Adding to the confusion is the lack of a clear Standard Operating Procedure (SOP). "How will they know what actually happened if they don't call the driver or if the driver doesn't respond after an alert is triggered?" questioned a cab driver. There's also no clarity on how or when emergency assistance will be dispatched, raising concerns among drivers about the system's effectiveness.

A transport department official clarified the process. "When a panic button is pressed, we contact the vehicle owner because cab drivers can change frequently, and we can't always assume that the same driver will be operating the vehicle the next day. That's why the call goes to the owner."

He further explained that the control centre runs 24/7 with 30 staff members working in three shifts. "We work in front of a large digital dashboard that shows the real-time location of all vehicles fitted with these devices. Each alert is monitored on 12 individual computer systems. When an alert is triggered, the team immediately contacts the vehicle owner and asks them to enquire about the issue," said Mithun Kumar, an official from the Transport Department.

So far, only 18 alerts have turned out to be genuine, most of which were linked to road rage incidents like minor collisions, where drivers pressed the panic button in the heat of the moment. "Apart from two or three cases that required police action, the rest were settled mutually," said Mithun Kumar.

There have also been instances where the system proved useful such as a school bus breaking down and during late-night accidents where help was dispatched quickly. The location tracking feature has helped vehicle owners locate their cabs when drivers fled with them. "There is a lot of confusion around this so we have planned to conduct a meeting with vehicle owners to explain about the SOP soon."

MLA confirms audio clip

Deputy Chairman of the Karnataka State Policy and Planning Commission and Congress MLA BR Patil said on Saturday that the purported audio clip, alleging rampant corruption in the Housing Department, is authentic and that the statements made are true.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, MLA Patil responded to questions by stating, "The audio clip regarding corruption in the Housing Department is original. It's my voice. I have only stated the truth. Yes, it's my audio. Allotments are not being made based on my recommendations. Corruption has existed during the tenure of all governments. However, our government came to power with the promise of delivering transparent and pro-people governance."

He said that the state government should conduct a probe based on his statement.

The MLA added that he has not met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, but if he calls him, he will convey his clarifications. –PTI

Minister's US visit blocked

Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge was granted clearance by the Ministry of External Affairs for his US visit. Taking to 'X', Kharge mentioned that MEA has taken a "U-Turn" and revoked their earlier decision to grant him permission for a US visit.

In his detailed 'X' post, the Karnataka Minister highlighted that he sought permission for his US travel to represent the Karnataka government between June 14 and 27 on May 15 at two major global forums and hold 25 official meetings with top companies, universities and institutions for collaborations and pitch for investments.

He explained that the application for the minister and his delegation was submitted on May 15, which was later rejected on June 4. Kharge added that an application for the officer delegation without the minister was submitted on June 6, and it got clearance on June 11. –PTI

Hill collapse disrupts rail

Train services in the critical Sakleshpur–Subrahmanya Road section in Karnataka were disrupted in the early hours of Saturday following a landslide between Edakumari and Shiribagilu stations in Dakshina Kannada district, officials said.

Boulders from the hill slipped and fell onto the railway track used by cargo trains, causing delays in scheduled services, they said.

According to officials, Train No 16511 KSR Bengaluru–Kannur Express arrived at Kadagaravalli at 3:40 am and was delayed in departure due to the obstruction. Similarly, Train No 16585 SMVT Bengaluru–Murdeshwar Express, which reached Sakleshpur at 3.10 am, and Train No 07377 Vijayapura–Mangaluru Central Express Special, which arrived at 6.26 am, were also delayed.

In response to the disruption, the railway authorities arranged for drinking water, light refreshments, and tea for passengers onboard the affected trains, according to an official statement.

Passengers have been advised to track real-time updates of their trains using the NTES or 'Where is My Train' mobile applications. For emergencies, they can reach out via Twitter to @RailwaySeva or call the helpline number 139, said Manjunath Kanamadi, Chief Public Relations Officer of South Western Railway, Hubballi, in the statement. –PTI

THE SUNDAY READ

Guardians of green

Committee saves 7,000 trees, protects 30% from felling

Garima Prasher
garima.prasher@timesofindia.com
TWEETS @BangaloreMIRROR

Since its inception in 2019, Bengaluru's Tree Expert Committee (TEC), constituted by special orders of the Karnataka High Court, has saved nearly 7,000 trees from facing the axe.

Between May 2020 and 2025, more than 24,000 trees were proposed to be felled for various infrastructure and development projects through 66 public notices from various agencies. However, following field inspections by TEC, as many as 6,977 trees were either retained on site or translocated, leading to the removal of nearly 17,000 trees. Going by this statistic, TEC could successfully protect 30% of the green cover proposed to be erased.

Out of the total trees that were saved (6,977), a little over 4,000 trees were retained on site.

According to Dattatreya Devare, trustee of Bangalore Environment Trust and a city-based environmentalist, whose Public Interest Litigation in 2018 led to the formulation of TEC, the situation on the ground has surely improved.

"While the High Court was conducting proceedings in response to our PIL (Public Interest Litigation) in 2018, we had submitted supporting statistics which showed that permission was denied in the case of around 7% of the trees proposed to be felled. Now it is nearly 30% and it is good progress. However, TEC's scrutiny became stricter only after a couple of years of its formation," said Devare.

A TEC member that BM spoke to said that the committee has saved many more trees, apart from ensuring retention on site and transplantation.

"The number of applications for projects that require tree felling has also reduced. Moreover, many project proponents fail to define the purpose of the project, a mandate for application to move to the 'public notice' stage, and these applications are declined. This is followed by TEC's role in retention and transplantation. In short, the committee has saved many more trees than what is available on paper," said the member.

However, Devare says the outcome is still not satisfactory. He added that there is scope to save many more trees.

"TEC should have denied permission for the removal of trees on CV Raman Road. The committee had the scope to deny, but orders to fell were given. TEC should question project proponents and force them to tweak alignments and insist more on retention and transplantation without considering the cost. In many orders, TEC has explicitly mentioned that project proponents were reluctant to translocate, citing high cost, and thus, trees had to be cut. The committee should be persuasive," said Devare.

Tree activists say assessing and tackling Bengaluru's rapid loss of green cover remains challenging. Despite some efforts by the expert panel, the city still lacks a strong, independent authority for effective tree protection

Tree activists say it is increasingly difficult to assess and address the alarming loss of green cover in our city. While the Tree Expert Committee has made efforts, it has fallen short, and the city still lacks a robust agency to protect its trees.

"With our growing population and the need for at least seven trees per person, current measures are far from adequate. Projects like the Cantonment Railway Colony, Kadugodi Forest, Devanahalli Central Jail, and multiple highway developments must be re-evaluated. Compensatory Afforestation (CA) should not just be a checkbox—it must be planned, executed, and monitored," said Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation

Translocation beyond jurisdiction

TEC members countered, saying the committee has played an important role in preserving Bengaluru's green cover. TEC's role in CA, transplantation, and decision-making around technical aspects of the project is limited.

"We conduct a feasibility assessment of the proposed transplantation site and provide a report after conducting soil analysis, studying site characteristics, slope, etc. In the case of CA, TEC can recommend it, but this is where our job ends as per HC's mandate. Reports on the survival of transplantation and CA are under the jurisdiction of tree officers. Moreover, the committee does not have much say in the technicalities of these projects," said the member.

They further clarified that while the committee stalled the proposal to cut trees on CV Raman Road for nearly two years, permissions were given under pressure.

"Having said that, TEC did save mango trees at Mekhri circle despite all the pressure we underwent. However, one aspect that needs immediate fixing to protect Bengaluru's green cover is training and awareness among engineers across all the departments of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP). Currently, they are nothing short of a disaster for avenue trees," said the member.

Bike taxi riders detained during protest

A group of bike taxi riders protesting outside the Vidhana Soudha on Saturday against the suspension of its operations following a Karnataka High Court directive were detained by the police.

They sought urgent government intervention to lift the blanket ban and introduce a regulatory framework to govern bike taxi services.

According to the police, soon after they gathered in front of Vidhana Soudha, they were detained and dispersed from the spot by the police.

A case has also been registered against them for violating guidelines and attempting to protest in front of Vidhana Soudha without any prior permission.

The riders urged the state government to introduce a clear policy that would allow them to resume operations while addressing safety and regulatory concerns. They stressed that bike taxis are an important part of Karnataka's transport ecosystem, providing jobs to thousands. Riders believe that with the right rules in place, bike taxis can continue to benefit everyone.

Earlier this month, a division bench of the Karnataka High Court refused to stay an earlier single-judge order that suspended bike taxi services in the state. The division bench, comprising Acting Chief Justice V Kameshwar Rao and Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar, was hearing appeals filed by Uber India Systems Pvt Ltd, ANI Technologies Pvt Ltd (which operates Ola), and Roppen Transportation Services Pvt Ltd (which operates Rapido), among others.

The companies had challenged the April 2 ruling that directed them to halt bike taxi services within six weeks. The deadline was later extended till June 15. The single judge had observed that such services cannot operate unless the state government notifies specific rules and guidelines under the Motor Vehicles Act. —PTI

mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/bangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

BENGALURU SPEAKS

and gets heard on this page

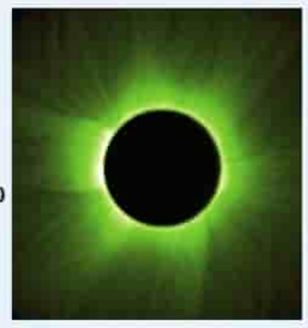
STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

MAJESTIC DWELLER OF THE WILD Our reader shares where his daughters, Vaanya and Inaaya Swarup, captured a stirring glimpse of Karnataka's pride—the majestic tusker—wandering through Nagarhole forest. With its towering presence and gleaming tusks, the elephant stands as a powerful symbol of the wild, embodying the timeless beauty and grandeur of nature. The picture was clicked by BM reader **Vinay**

If you have a picture and a story to share, send us the picture with your name and number at **mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com**

DID YOU KNOW?

A pair of European satellites have created the first artificial solar eclipses by flying in precise and fancy formation, providing hours of on-demand totality for scientists. The European Space Agency (ESA) unveiled the images at the Paris Air Show, showcasing a breakthrough in space observation. Launched late last year, the two satellites have been simulating solar eclipses since March by flying just 492 feet apart in orbit. One satellite blocks the sun like the moon does during a natural eclipse, while the other captures images of the corona — the sun's outer atmosphere.



Known as Proba-3, the $210 million mission has already produced 10 successful eclipses during its test phase. The longest lasted five hours. Scientists hope to achieve six hours of totality per eclipse when observations begin in July. The spacecraft, each under five feet in size, maintain millimetre-level alignment using GPS, lasers, and star trackers. Unlike previous missions, Proba-3's two-satellite setup allows clearer views of the inner corona. "We almost couldn't believe our eyes," said lead scientist Andrei Zhukov. ESA expects up to 200 eclipses over two years, offering more than 1,000 hours of totality. — AP

GET HEARD WITH MIRROR

9591233247

Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

BUST FAKE NEWS WITH BANGALORE MIRROR

Write to us at mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com

Unsubstantiated 'chemtrail' conspiracy theories spread by US lawmakers debunked

As Louisiana Rep. Kimberly Landry Coates stood before her colleagues in the state Legislature, she acknowledged the bill she was presenting might "seem strange" or even crazy.

Some lawmakers laughed in disbelief, while others listened intently as Coates described situations often linked to "chemtrails"—a conspiracy theory suggesting that the white trails left behind by aircraft are actually chemicals being released for sinister purposes. She urged skeptics to "start looking up" at the sky.

"I'm really worried about what is going on above us and what is happening, and we, as Louisiana citizens, did not give anyone the right to do this above us," the Republican said.

Louisiana is the latest state to introduce such legislation. Tennessee passed a similar measure last year, and a bill in Florida cleared both chambers. More than a dozen states, from New York to Arizona, have proposed related bills.

Experts say these efforts reflect how misinformation is increasingly moving beyond the internet and into lawmaking. Elevating conspiracy theories into policy, they warn, undermines democracy and wastes time and resources.

"Every bill like this is kind of symbolic or is introduced to appease a very vocal group," said Donnell Probst, interim executive director of the National Association for Media Literacy Education. "But it can still cause real harm by signaling these conspiracies deserve legal attention."

Louisiana's bill, awaiting Republican Gov. Jeff Landry's signature, prohibits "intentionally" dispersing chemicals into the atmosphere to alter "temperature, weather, climate, or intensity of sunlight." It also requires the state's Department of Environmental Quality to collect reports from people who claim to observe such activity.

While some lawmakers are responding to existing but limited weather modification methods, others support their proposals with questionable evidence.

Chemtrails have recently gained traction thanks to figures like Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and U.S. Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene. Marla Maples, ex-wife of former President Donald Trump, backed Florida's legislation, saying she began researching after noticing a rise in Alzheimer's cases.

When asked jokingly if she had federal connections to help with the issue, she smiled and replied, "I sure do."

Chemtrails vs. Contrails

The idea that chemical trails are being released from planes is a long-debunked theory. A 1996 U.S. Air Force report about weather modification is often cited by believers.

Ken Leppert, an atmospheric science professor at the University of Louisiana Monroe, said contrails—white trails left by planes—are harmless clouds made of water vapor, forming in high humidity and low temperatures. They've been around since the dawn of jet aviation. A 2016 survey of 77 atmospheric experts found no evidence of a secret spraying program.

Cloud Seeding and Geoengineering

Some lawmakers conflate "chemtrails" with cloud seeding, a legitimate weather modification method that uses substances like silver iodide to encourage rain. The practice isn't common in Louisiana and has never been licensed there. Rep. Coates also cited charts from NOAA regarding Solar Radiation Modification (SRM)—a theoretical form of geoengineering meant to reflect sunlight and cool the Earth. No SRM methods have been deployed; research remains in early stages.

Losing Focus

Critics argu e the bill detracts from real issues. Rep. Denise Marcelle, a Democrat, pointed to Louisiana's struggles with incarceration, poverty, crime, and maternal mortality.

"I just feel like we owe the people of Louisiana much more than to be talking about things that I don't see and that aren't real," she said. — AP

Gridlock chaos near schools raises safety alarm

Parents urge urgent action as traffic bottleneck endangers over 10,000 students amid daily chaos near Bikasipura, Konanakunte stretch

A major traffic bottleneck on Kanakapura Main Road is raising serious safety concerns among parents, students, and commuters. The stretch near 11th KM, Bikasipura Main Road, Konanakunte turns into a gridlock zone every weekday during school pick-up and drop-off hours.

Residents say the narrow road—flanked by multiple schools and industrial units—struggles to accommodate the surge of school buses, vans, autos, and private vehicles. One major school alone accounts for over 10,000 students, while parents estimate that nearly 30,000 people move through the stretch during peak hours.

"There are three schools around. At peak time, it feels like we're all squeezed into a bottleneck with no escape," said a parent. The lack of traffic police presence and coordination has turned the situation chaotic, with vehicles blocking each other from all sides. In the absence of regulation, two-wheelers weave dangerously between vehicles, buses line up along one side, and autos often block the opposite lane, bringing traffic to a standstill. Minor accidents and scrapes have become a daily occurrence, heightening fears of a serious mishap. "There's no room to manoeuvre. A small nudge could lead to a child falling or getting injured. It's high-risk and completely unsafe," said another parent.

> **"No room to maneuver; a small nudge could lead to a child falling or getting injured. It's high-risk and completely unsafe** – Parent

Two-wheelers squeeze between parked vehicles and buses, creating dangerous moments during school hours

The school administration has reportedly approached traffic authorities' multiple times, but parents claim there has been no meaningful intervention so far. "The school told us they've contacted the department, but no one shows up. Even minimal police presence could make a huge difference," said a concerned parent. With no scope for road widening due to the surrounding construction and industrial activity, better traffic management appears to be the only practical solution. Nearby connecting roads are also clogged by illegally parked vehicles, compounding the issue.

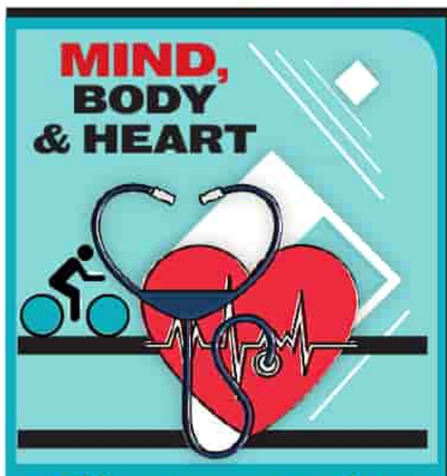
Parents are now making an urgent appeal to the civic and traffic authorities to intervene before the situation leads to tragedy. "This is about our children's safety. We can't wait until something terrible happens," a parent pleaded.

— BMB

HEALTH TIP: Berries such as strawberries and blueberries are loaded with antioxidants that help fight oxidative stress

Pumpkin seeds are full of zinc, which plays a key role in hormone synthesis and immune health

BangaloreMirror | 9
Sunday, June 22, 2025
mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/thebangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror



All you need to know about...

Exfoliation

Different skin types
Exfoliation is truly the cornerstone of achieving that coveted healthy glow – but here's the catch: what works wonders for one skin type could wreak havoc on another. Here is how to do it so you can get that lit-from-within glow without compromising your skin's health as per integrative dermatologist Dr Sonali Kohli.

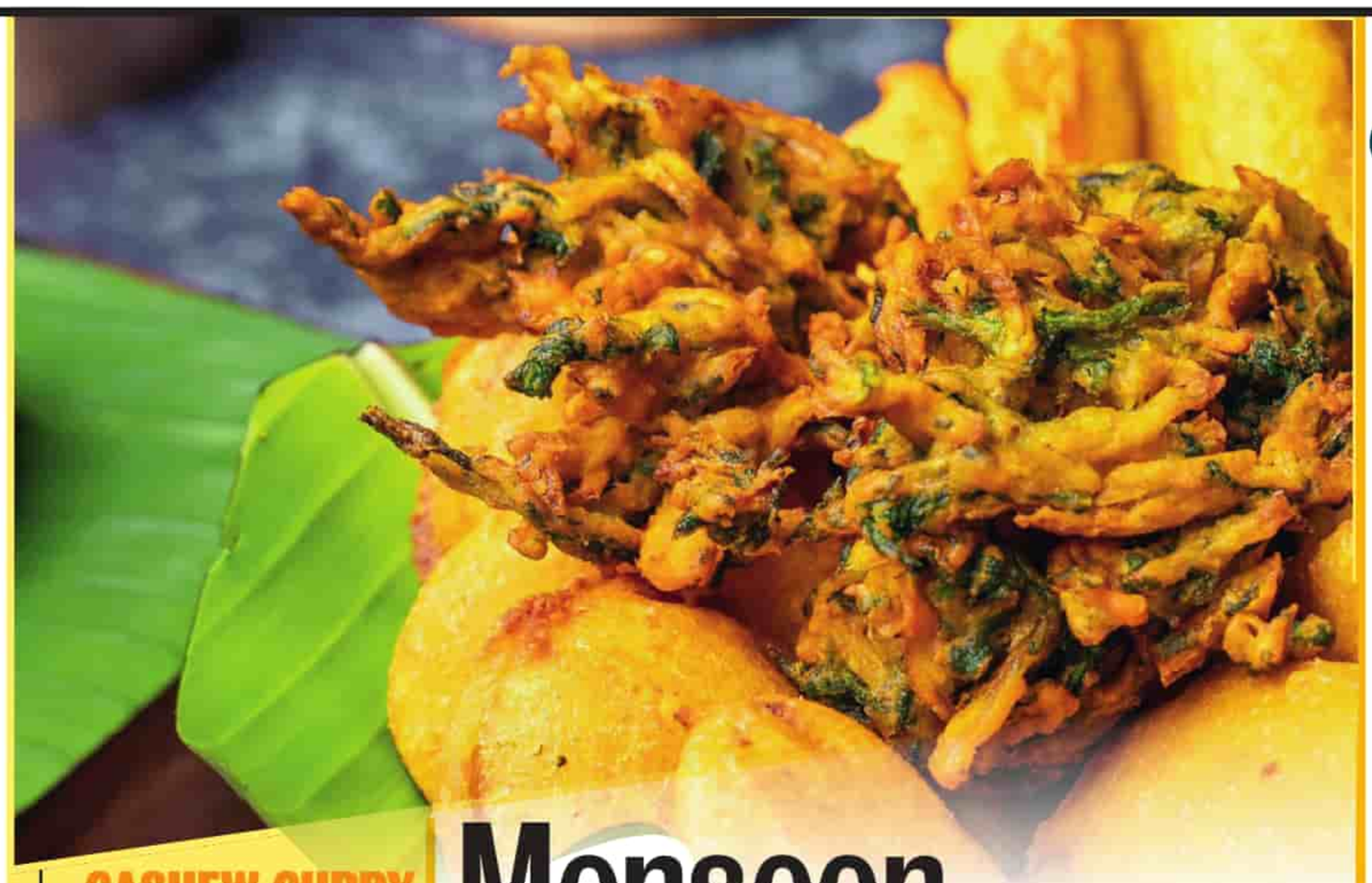
Sensitive Skin
When it comes to sensitive skin, gentleness is the golden rule. Once a week, opt for enzyme-based exfoliants featuring ingredients like papaya or pumpkin enzymes. These work by dissolving dead skin cells without the harsh scrubbing action that can trigger inflammation and redness.

Oily & Acne-Prone Skin
For oily or acne-prone skin, salicylic acid is your best friend. This beta-hydroxy acid penetrates deep into pores to clear out excess oil and prevent breakouts. Begin with a low concentration – around 0.5% – used twice a week, and gradually build up as your skin adjusts. The key is patience – rushing the process often leads to over-drying and reactive oil production.

Dry Skin
If you have dry skin, think of exfoliation as both a refresh and a rehydrate. Alpha-hydroxy acids (AHAs) like lactic acid are ideal – they gently dissolve dead skin cells while drawing moisture into the skin. Glycolic acid is another effective option, but make sure to follow it up with a nourishing moisturiser containing ceramides or hyaluronic acid.

Mature Skin
Mature skin needs a more nuanced routine – one that combines gentle physical exfoliation and chemical exfoliants. I often suggest alternating between lactic acid and retinol on different nights (never together), to encourage healthy cell turnover while avoiding irritation or overstimulation.

— Femina



Monsoon munchies

Here's how to dish up yummy snacks you can enjoy on a rainy evening with loved ones

CASHEW CURRY LEAF PAKODA

INGREDIENTS
- 1 cup cashews
- 1 cup curry leaves
- 1/2 cup gram flour (besan)
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon coriander seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1/2 teaspoon red chili powder
- Salt, to taste
- Water, as needed
- Oil, for frying

METHOD
- Prepare the batter: Mix gram flour, cumin seeds, coriander seeds, turmeric powder, red chili powder, and salt. Add water to make a thick batter.
- Add cashews and curry leaves: Chop cashews and add them to the batter along with curry leaves. Mix well.
- Form into balls: Shape the mixture into small balls.
- ry the pakodas: Heat oil in a deep frying pan and fry
- the pakodas until golden brown.
- Serve: Enjoy hot with your favorite chutney or sauce.

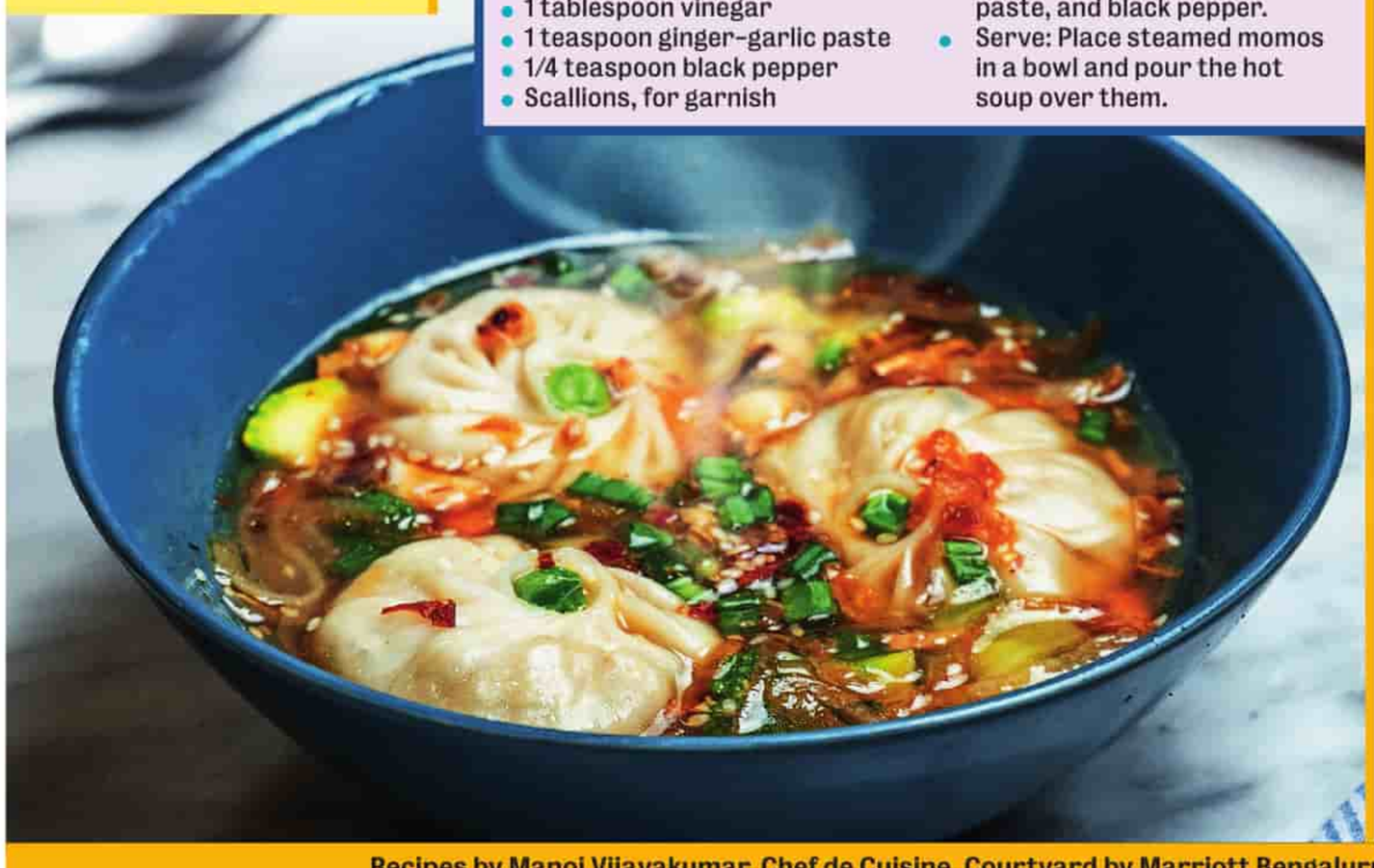
SOUPY VEG MOMOS!

INGREDIENTS
For the Momos:
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Water, as needed

Filling:
- 1 cup finely chopped cabbage
- 1 cup finely chopped carrots
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onions
- 1/2 cup grated paneer or tofu (optional)
- 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon ginger-garlic paste
- Salt, to taste

For the Soup:
- 4 cups vegetable broth
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon ginger-garlic paste
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- Scallions, for garnish

METHOD
- **Momos:** Make the dough: Mix flour and salt. Add water to form a soft dough.
- Prepare the filling: Mix chopped vegetables, paneer or tofu (if using), soy sauce, ginger-garlic paste, and salt.
- Assemble the momos: Roll out the dough, place a spoonful of filling in the center, and seal the momo.
- Steam the momos: Steam the momos for 10-15 minutes.
- **Soup:** Prepare the broth: Combine vegetable broth, soy sauce, vinegar, ginger-garlic paste, and black pepper.
- Serve: Place steamed momos in a bowl and pour the hot soup over them.



BOMBAY VADA PAV

INGREDIENTS
For the Vada:
- 1 cup split gram lentils (chana dal or urad dal)
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon fennel seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric powder
- 1/2 teaspoon red chili powder
- Salt, to taste
- Water, as needed

- Oil, for frying

For the Pav:
- 4-6 pav buns
- Butter or ghee, for toasting

For the Green Chutney:
- 1 cup fresh cilantro
- 1/2 cup green chilies
- 1 small piece of ginger
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- Salt, to taste

METHOD
- **Vada:** Soak the lentils in water for 4-5 hours or overnight.
- Drain and blend into a coarse paste.
- Add cumin seeds, fennel seeds, turmeric powder, red chili powder, and salt. Mix well.
- Shape into small balls and flatten slightly.
- Heat oil in a deep frying pan and fry the vadas until golden brown.
- **Pav:** Slice the pav buns horizontally.
- Toast the pav with butter or ghee.
- **Green Chutney:** Blend cilantro, green chilies, ginger, and lemon juice into a smooth paste.
- Season with salt to taste.
- **Assembly:** Place a fried vada in a toasted pav bun.
- Serve with green chutney and additional chutneys or toppings of your choice.

Recipes by Manoj Vijayakumar, Chef de Cuisine, Courtyard by Marriott Bengaluru Hebbal

real estate

ACCOMMODATION WANTED

NRI clients wanted to purchase 3-4 BR flats houses 2000-3000sft site in Jayamahal Benson central north 9900339878

BUNGALOW & VILLA

Sadhwani
REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS
Contact
98450 70013
Villas for sale at
Prestige Golfshire
Sobha Lifestyle & Epsilon
PLOT SIZES
8000 to 10000 sft
Built up area
6000 to 10000sft
Prices - 11Cr to 35Cr

LAND FOR SALE

PREMIUM INDUSTRIAL SHED FOR SALE
LOCATION:
Nadkerappa Industrial Estate, Heganahalli
Nearest Landmark :
Very close to Peenya Industrial Area
Total Area: 11,697.46 sft.
Built-up Area: 9,000 sft.
Power: 65 HP
Crane: Equipped with overhead crane
Conversion:
Industrial converted plot
Rental Yield:
Rs. 2,10,000/month (Currently tenanted)
Prime Location:
Strategically located near Peenya - Bangalore's largest industrial hubs
Rental Income: Attractive Rental yield with steady income stream
Accessibility: Easy access via wide roads & excellent connectivity to Tumkur Road & NICE Ring Road
Contact More Information:
+91 9845632004

10,000 & 20,000 Sq. Ft. LAND FOR SALE ON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ROAD
OPP HIRANANDANI
Project. just 700mt from Highway. Ideal for investment & future development. Call Anil : 9886697217.

BANGALORE PROPERTIES

ANJANAPURA

BDA, Residential & Commercial Anjanapura, BDA Layout, Narayananagara, BCMC, Judicial Layout, Vakil Garden, Kanakapura Road 30x40, 40x60, 50x80. 9916592400

BANASHANKARI

NORTH facing 40'x70' A khata site for sale in BSK 6th stage, adjacent to 11th block, price Rs 10000/sft slightly negotiable, contact 9845380312

WANTED-BDA-SITES IN BANASHANKARI 6TH STAGE/ ANJANAPURA IMMEDIATE SETTLEMENT . CONTACT : 93436 68888.

BDA, Residential, Commercial, Banashankari 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 6th stage Uttrahalli, Rajarajeshwarinagara Katriguppe, Girinagara, 30x40, 40x60, 50x80. 99165 92400

BSK 6th Stg 4th B Blk BDA 30x40 North Face Site Sale Nr Sobha Forest View Ganigarapalya 100ft Rd: 9535575388/ 9008434092

MARS PLANET 2,2.5, and 3 BHK Flat On Hills of BSK 3rd stage, Opp. to Tata Promont,9900199564 9972399993 & 9880625336

SALE
Residential Independent Bungalow in Banashankari 2nd Stage
BDA PLOT 36x85, built up 10,000 Sqft, west facing, Basement 4 car park, G+3 floors with terrace garden and lift, ready to move in Verna Developers Barton Center M.G.Road. 9353128035 / 9916310226

BANNERGHATTA ROAD

2,400_SQFT PLOT FOR SALE RESIDENTIAL WEST FACING IN AREKERE SHANTHINIKETHAN LAYOUT. CALL OWNER 7483853190

INDUSTRIAL SHED FOR SALE BANNERGHATTA TO JIGANI MAIN ROAD, 65X200 PRICE 9000/- PER SQFT 75 HP POWER. CALL: 9901931555

BASAVANAGUDI

FLATS SALE in Hanumanthngr 1.55 Cr. North Face Site & East Face Flat Possession By Dec 2025: 9886691444/ 9620232978

CUNNINGHAM ROAD

PRESTIGE KENILWORTH Apartment brand new unused spacious 3 BHK flat 3500 sqft, 2 car parking space with all amenities for sale. 98450-07176

DEVANAHALLI

REQUIRED/WANTED Agriculture green zone or converted 4 to 50 acres outright purchase and joint venture for MNC Company and NRI investors in and around Doddaballapura Devanahalli Chikkaballpur Sarjapura Road Hoskote -Chintamani-Malur surroundings, minimum road width 40 feet plus. Payment flexible. Elite Group 9916592400/ 9986682400 elitegroupsrealtors@gmail.com

DODDABALLAPUR ROAD

SADHWANIS Prime Residential Plot for sale at Prestige North West County Angsana Doddaballapur Road 10000 sft. Contact 9845070013

ELECTRONIC CITY

PREMIUM VILLA PLOTS FOR SALE
30 Acres Township
@ ELECTRONIC CITY
BMRDA / RERA Approved
Rs 5499/ Sft
86182 78177 / 90352 54050
READY FOR REGISTRATION & Construction with All Amenities, 100% Released (Limited Sites Only)

HEBBAL

FLAT FOR SALE - 1290 Sqft. 2BHK Flat for Sale, Behind Mall of Asia, Byatarayanapura, Brokers excuse, Contact : 9980521349, 6360335456.

FLATS FOR SALE
HURRY! FEW FLATS REMAINING
STARTS FROM 66 LAKHS*
2BHK & 3BHK FLATS,
READY TO-OCCUPY
2kms from Hebbal Junction, near Narayana School, Balaji layout
Contact: 7760804933

HENNUR

SALE BDA Site 30x40 North/East Facing near Hennur Main, Rs-11,000/ sqft. Also 20x30, 40x60, 50x80 available. Call: 98454 42054

HOSUR ROAD

SALE- 7 Acres Agricultural land adjoining highway on Kelamangalam Denkanikotai Road completely fenced with borewell suitable for Industry/ Warehouse. Genuine buyers, Call 9845206739, 6364800335

HRBR LAYOUT

PLANNING TO BUY / SELL SITES / VILLAS FLATS / TENANTED OFFICES & JOINT DEVELOPMENTS
THINK OF Us FOR TRANSPARENCY and A STRESS FREE Transaction Call: Emerald Realty 98452 63277

HSR LAYOUT

HSR 1st sector 40x60 North Facing Good Location Rate 33000 and 30X40 E/F Good Locations Rs. 35000. negotiable Ct: 9845004282/ 8217485370

INDIRA NAGAR

FOR RENT SHOWROOM / OFFICE OLD AIRPORT ROAD, Domlur near Indiranagar
EXPERIENCE CENTER, High Visibility Bike, Pet, Cloud Kitchen, Jeweler, Phone, Service Center Office North Facing Shop Entry & Exit possible to all Roads, Ground & Basement 600 sqft each also available 2BHK,1BHK at Domlur Flyover EGL. 86189 40486.

SADHWANIS Prime Commercial Plot for sale at 100 feet road Indirangar 5400sft, Excellent Location Location Location Contact 9845070013

SALE 30x44, 1320 sft BDA Plot with 3BHK Duplex house. East facing, off 80ft road Price 3.95Cr Cont: 9845208012

LUXURY_5_BHK Villa on 7350 Sft Plot For Sale. With Indoor Pool in Posh Location of Defence Colony, Indiranagar. infinite SPAACE 9980040475

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - AROUND

TELECOM HOUSING TRUST (BSNL) SITES For SALE Telecom Aero City near Bangalore International Airport @ Rs.1299per sqft
99007 00833
TELECOM WOODLANDCITY Doddaballapura Road at D. Cross @ Rs.1399 per sqft. Call: 9900700833

ITPL

SOUTH Facing Site (30x80) for sale@White rose Lyt Pattandur Agrahara. ITPL near Metro station within 1 km. Interested buyers call Nandish 9845243916

JAKKUR

BDA ARKAVATHI Layout SITE For sale in Jakkur, 30x50, 30x40 & 20x30 A-khata sites Rs 12,000 to 15,000/-per Sqft Call: 9945204471.

JAYANAGAR

BUY/SALE/RENT-
Prestige Falcon City,
Total Environment
Mantri Serenity
Sobha Indraprastha
Purvankara
Prestige West Woods
Brigade
Tata Promont
Embassy
and many more, several protects Plotted, Apartment & Villa projects in Koramangala, Jayanagar, Basavangudi, RMV Layout, Vijayanagar, Rajajinagar. 9591932400.

LUXURIOUS_BUNGALOW FOR SALE IN BILLIONAIRE STREET OF KORAMANGALA 3RD BLOCK infinite SPAACE 99800 40475

AVAILABLE For Rent Koramangala Fully Furnished 9950 Sqft Independent Commercial Building Basement Parking, Terrace Cafeteria, Lift, DG, AC workstations M: 98450 57375

KUMARA PARK

RACE-COURSE JAIN TEMPLE: 50'x80'/ 80'x100' PRIME PROPERTY FOR SALE MADHAVNAGAR KUMARA PARK
READY BUYERS/ NRI's/HNI's/ Builders / Investors Call- Raghav@ Bangalore Estates- Since 1995. 9845054356 / 98803-77799

MALLESHWARAM

LUXURY Newly Built 3BHK Apartment for Sale in Jayanagar near South End Circle, 2200 to 2500 Sqft Each Flat. Ct: 9945265049/ 9738302049.

KANAKAPURA ROAD

1550 Sft, BDA NE Corner 3BHK Duplex 4.10Cr/ 2150Sft, 3BHK Floor wise Flats, 1.65Cr, 30x50, NW Corner 14500/-near Konana kunte Metro. Call: 8904210201.

KASTURI NAGAR

BDA East Facing 5 BHK Villa/ Site in 40x60 clear titles, Prime location, close to up coming metro station Kasturinagar. Call: 94492 09638, 98454 50396.

KORAMANGALA

KORMANGALA 1st Block, commercial building 20x30 west facing G+4 @ prime location, 2 lakh rental income, 3.25Cr negotiable. 8217485370

SALE 4 BHK HOUSE
ON CORNER Plot 2400 Built 5000 Sft Calm Location Walkable to Parks Price: 9 Crores Emerald Realty 98452 63277

Possession - March 2026
4 Luxurious 3 BHK - 1620 Sq Ft
1 Flat per Floor, Still + 4 Floors
Amenities : Lift, Car Parking, EV Charging, Generator, CCTV, Solar and Piped LPG
+91 77606 07227

MARATHAHALLI

INVEST 50 LAKHS EARN RENT 31K PER MONTH In Office-Space
FULLY-FURNISHED
10 Years Lease.
5 Years Lock in
15% Increase every 3Years
Emerald Realty 98452 63277

GET NOTICED

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS FOR RENT
@ West of Chord Road, Rajajinagar. Total 23000 sq ft. Each floor 3600 sq ft. Basement, Ground 1,2,3,4 floor 5th servant 3 rooms with commercial lift all facilities.
Suitable for corporate office/ showroom/large scale distributer.
Call / WhatsApp: 9448732931

MG ROAD & AROUND

SADHWANIS Prime Residential Plots for sale at Lavelle Road 4000sft to 7000sft Excellent Location Location Location Contact: 9845070013

FOR RENT
Ground Floor
600 Sqft, 2 Shops
KAMRAJ ROAD
Off Commercial Street
SUITABLE FOR ALL KINDS OF BUSINES, GOOD LOCATION CONTACT OWNERS. 7483357234/ 9980797111

MYSORE ROAD

NADAPRABHU Kempegowda Layout, Residential 30x40 Commercial 40x60, 50x80, 80Feet Road, 100Feet Road, 300Feet Road, Ready For Registration & Construction. 9916592400

OMBR LAYOUT

BDA Plot For Sale, Corner Site OMBR Layout , Total Area 6125Sqft East Facing, 5th Main Road, 60 Feet Main Road. Contact: 9986071243, 7090594594

OLD MADRAS ROAD

36X57 Site Sale, South Face, Anchepalya, Soap Factory Lyt, Prestige Jindal City back side, 1km from Chikkbidarakallu Metro Station. Call 9945760765.

FOR SALE
PRIME COMMERCIAL
Land 4745 sqft @ Old Madras Road Indiranagar, Bangalore
CLEAR TITLES and A-Katha/ E-Aasthi, South Facing property. Contact Anand: 9845340291/ 8217298686

PEENYA

FOR SALE
Premium Semi-Commercial Property - Saibaba Layout, Peenya 2nd Stage
High-Quality N/E Corner Independent Building 2200 Sq.ft | G+2 Floors | Covered Car Parking.
Rental Income: 5 Lakhs/yr
Price: 1.18 Cr.

Contact:
92063 80541
95662 03789

HILIVING ESTATES
MOUNTAINS & MANGOES
MONSOON DOUBLE DHAMAKKA OFFER !
Free Clubhouse Membership on spot bookings
TRIP TO VIETNAM
3 Days, 4 Nights - 1 Person
EARN UPTO 1.5 LAC
Managed 10 Acre Mango Orchards, Coconut, Arecanut & Sandalwood Plantations with 3 Acres Proposed for Resort
Ramanagara, Greater Bengaluru
5.5 GUNTAS ONWARDS
Explore Our Other Projects in Sakleshpur & Chikkamagaluru
SCAN ME
78 999 022 34 www.hilivingestates.com 7338 1111 33

RAJAJI NAGAR

PRESTIGE -WEST WOOD Rajajinagar Near LULU Mall 4 Bedroom wit h all attached washrooms 3981 sqft Exclusive FLAT for SALE with 7 Star Exclusive Amenities on Heigher Floor 100% Vastu with Dry/ wet Seperate kitchen / Big utility/Powder room /Servant room/laundry room, Big Balcony Excellent View & 2 car parking. Contact OWNER : 9844027560

SOBHA INDRAPRASTHA Rajajinagar near LULU Mall 4 Bedroom with Servant room 3301 sqft premium FLAT on 33rd Higher Floor for SALE with 7 STAR Exclusive Amenities. 100% Vastu Excellent view & 2 CAR Parking. Contact OWNER: 9844027560

RAJARAJESHWARI NAGAR

BDA & RERA APPROVED SITES
RERA No. : PRM/KA/RERA/1251/310/PR/191222/005541

READY FOR REGISTRATION
E KHATA SITES
TRILOK VILLAS and Apartments Premium Plots at Kenchanahalli @ R.R. Nagar. 9008880994 9900199564 & 9972399993

RMV EXTENSION

Broker in Blue.
FOR SALE Prime Residential Plot - 3860sft, Clear Titles & Quiet Locality! (Behind RMV Club) Call 9972097479

SADASHIVA NAGAR

SADHWANIS Prime Residential plots for sale at Sadashivnagar, Fairfield Layout and Judicial Layout 5400sft to 11000sft. Ct:9845070013

SARJAPUR ROAD

FOR SALE 25000 Sqft land in Kasavana halli suitable for Apt.Comm.Site 4000Sqft in Harlur Main Rd, 5000 Sqft in Carmalaram. Call-81978 70039

SARJAPUR: Railway Layout measuring 3665 Sqft. North East Corner Site for Sale. Price Negotiable. Brokers Excuse Interested Call: 9148569154.

VIDYARANYAPURA

FOR LEASE
3BHK
1300 Sft @ 14 Lakhs
DODDABOMMASANDRA
Near BEL FACTORY
* 24 Hrs Water/ Security/ Remodel/ Ready To Move In/ East Facing, 1st Floor 100% Vastu. / 9035 813 667/ 9538 599 224/ 888 4488 887*

VISVESWARAIAH LAYOUT

BDA Site No. 2234, 40X60 West Facing Vishweshwaraiah Lyt 1st Block. 40 Feet Road, Fully Compounded, Rs.13000/-Psqft Nego. Shivakumar 9845875555 Deviprasad 70220 63532

50X80 East Facing on 60 Feet Road Site Sale near Proposed BDA Complex 100 Feet Road 6th Block Vishweshwaraiah Layout [60% White]. 9845143579

BDA Commercial 40X60 Sale KLE Law College Circle South Sir M Vishweshwaraiah Layout 5th Block 80 Feet Road Contact: 9945694783/ 9980433004

SITE For Sale M Visveswaraiah Layout. 4th & 2nd Blocks South Facing Both 30x40 Good Peaceful Locations Owner 9845294603.

YELAHANKA

SALE 3 BHK Exclusive 1 Flat Per Floor Yelahanka Newtown A Sector. Call for all Inclusive offer. Contact: 9886415554 rsrprop@yahoo.co.in

FOR SALE

BANGALORE

VILLA-FOR-SALE
Zed-Earth 2nd Phase 4 + 1 BHK Price 3.95cr @ Rajanukunte, Doddaballapur Road Near Toll Gate. Contact : 89512 31466.

MYSORE

2.22 acre land for Sale at Gundlupet 2 acres 22 Guntas Commercial converted (Hotel purpose) land for Sale at Agathagowdanahalli off. Mysore Ooty National Highway. Contact; Mysore Estates Vishwanath Gowda. Contact: 95909 11111

0% Brokerage for Buying and Selling any properties in Mysore city. Contact: Mysore Estates Vishwanath Gowda. Contact: 9590911111

OUTSIDE BANGALORE

MYSORE

"MUDA" Approved Sites Near Vijaynagar 4th Stage Mysore,Fully developed layout.Sites available in all sizes.Ready for Registration. Bank Loan available contact 9036081746/9945003730

PROPERTY ANCILLARIES

COMMERCIAL PREMISES

SALE: Commercial complex (5 floors) Chamarajpet Mysore Road, site 5296 sft. flat roofing construction (without bheems) 19,000+ sft. Call: 9341260793.

MALLESWARAM Commercial Showroom Space 2230 Sq Feet for rent in Ground Floor @ Link Road with Car Parkings. Ct - 7760607227

OFFICE space for rent on Infantry road. Area 1000sft with car park. Contact 9980117197

FOR SALE
FULLY FURNISHED OFFICE
Old Airport Road
VDB TOUCHDOWN
Next to HAL Museum
7447 Sq.ft
96 WORK Stations 5 Cab 3 Meeting Room 1 Board 1 MD, 6 Carparks No Phone Calls Whats App Message Only To: 9845031550

SMALL OFFICE CBD
400 Sq feet Office on Ulsoor Road
SUNRISE CHAMBERS
Behind Taj / Park Hotel
3rd Floor With
1 Exclusive Car Parking
Rent 45 K
Plus Maintenance
 # Paid Parking also available for Visitors.
8050890694

COMMERCIAL SHOP Sale on Ground Floor in Sindhi Colony, Off JC Road. Saleable Area-410Sft with UDS of 300 Sft. Rs 23000/Sft.Karthik 9980289720

RENT Double Road Indhira nagar Ground floor 1000sft 3rd floor 2700 sft 100% power backup & borewell west facing F & B and SPA ok. 9972953236

jobs

SITUATION VACANT

ACADEMIC

TEACHER

NCIPS
NEW CAMBRIDGE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL
CA Site No: 6 (P), WOC Road, II Stage, Mahalakshmipuram, Bangalore - 560 086.
Email ID : info@ncips.in
Contact :
8660136247 / 9341390003
REQUIRED IMMEDIATE
* Physical Education Teacher with M.PEd , with minimum 5 year experience
* Trained Spoken English Teacher M. A in English
* Senior Accountant - M. Com worked in auditor office with minimum 10-year experience

WANTED Academic Head, Trained/ Un-trained Teachers for English,Science,Maths,EVS Yoga. Primary/High School JP.Nagar: 9845042249/ 26590773.

ADMINISTRATION

MANAGERS

EMPLOYEE NEEDED! Business Development Manager for Property Developer Company No Investment No MLM No Insurance. Age above 25years, No Experience required, Earning Rs.50000/- PM & Above Retired persons are welcome. Bangalore. Call: 8310142685.

MARKETING, ADVERTISING & SALES

MARKETING

URGENT Job Vacancy, lady preferred area Basavangudi, BSK 3rd Stg., Hanumanth Nagar, work from home as a Tele Sales Executive, Undergraduate Kannada/English verbal communication MS Office Knowledge - call 9902955227.

MEDICAL Representative of Medical devise M/F Medishare inc is looking for graduate or B.Sc for their marketing. Slry 30k negotiable+inc # 98100-84084, medishare@gmail.com

MEDICAL

MEDICAL

PHARMACY-REQUIRES Investors for chain of Clinics & Consultation rooms, No rentals Start Business by Refundable Deposit of 30L. CT : 89512 31466.

THE TIMES OF INDIA
Readers are recommended to make appropriate enquires and seek appropriate advice before sending money, incurring any expenses, acting on medical recommendations or entering into any commitment in relation to any advertisement published in this publication. The Times of India Group doesn't vouch for any claims made by the Advertisers of the products and services. The Printer, Publisher, Editor, and the owners of The Times of India Group publications shall not be held liable for any consequences, in the event such claims are not honoured by the Advertisers.

GALLERIA

 # Axiom-4 goals
Axiom-4 astronauts to study insulin behaviour in microgravity, revolutionise diabetes treatment

Music streaming service Deezer adds AI song tags in fight against fraud

Singing the AI tune

Music streaming service Deezer said Friday that it will start flagging albums with AI-generated songs, part of its fight against streaming fraudsters. Deezer, based in Paris, is grappling with a surge in music on its platform created using artificial intelligence tools it says are being wielded to earn royalties fraudulently. The app will display an on-screen label warning about "AI-generated content" and notify listeners that some tracks on an album were created with song generators.

Deezer is a small player in music streaming, which is dominated by Spotify, Amazon and Apple, but the company said AI-generated music is an "industry-wide issue." It's committed to "safeguarding the rights of artists and songwriters at a time where copyright law is being put into question in favor of training AI models," CEO Alexis Lanternier said in a press release.

Deezer's move underscores the disruption caused by generative AI systems, which are trained on the contents of the internet including text, images and audio available online. AI companies are facing a slew of lawsuits challenging their practice of scraping the web for such training data without paying for it.

According to an AI song detection tool that Deezer rolled out this year, 18% of songs uploaded to its platform each day, or about 20,000 tracks, are now completely AI generated. Just three months earlier, that number was 10%, Lanternier said in a recent interview.

AI has many benefits but it also "creates a lot of questions" for the music industry, Lanternier told The Associated Press. Using AI to make music is fine as long as there's an artist behind it but the problem arises when anyone, or even a bot, can use it to make music, he said.

Music fraudsters "create tons of songs. They upload, they try to get on playlists or recommendations, and as a result they gather royalties," he said. Musicians can't upload music directly to Deezer or rival platforms like Spotify or Apple Music. Music labels or digital distribution platforms can do it for artists they have contracts with, while anyone else can use a "self service" distribution company. Fully AI-generated music still accounts for about 0.5% of total streams on Deezer. But the company said it's "evident" that fraud is "the primary purpose" for these songs because it suspects that as many as seven in 10 listens of an AI song are done by streaming "farms" or bots, instead of humans.

Deezer said that though AI-generated music accounts for about 0.5% of streams, it's evident that fraud is the primary purpose for these songs as around seven in 10 listens of an AI song are done by streaming farms

AI has been a hot topic in the music industry, with debates swirling around its creative possibilities as well as concerns about its legality. Two of the most popular AI song generators, Suno and Udio, are being sued by record companies for copyright infringement, and face allegations they exploited recorded works of artists from Chuck Berry to Mariah Carey.

Gema, a German royalty-collection group, is suing Suno in a similar case filed in Munich, accusing the service of generating songs that are "confusingly similar" to original versions by artists it represents, including "Forever Young" by Alphaville, "Daddy Cool" by Boney M and Lou Bega's "Mambo No. 5."

To detect songs for tagging, Lanternier says Deezer uses the same generators used to create songs to analyze their output. "We identify patterns because the song creates such a complex signal," Lanternier said. The AI music generators seem to be unable to produce songs without subtle but recognizable patterns, which change constantly.

"So you have to update your tool every day," Lanternier said. "So we keep generating songs to learn, to teach our algorithm. So we're fighting AI with AI." **AP**

Pope Leo warns politicians of the challenges posed by AI

Pope Leo warned politicians on Saturday of the challenges posed by the rise of artificial intelligence (AI), addressing its potential impact on younger people as a prime concern.

Speaking at an event attended by Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni and parliamentary delegations from 68 countries, Leo revisited a topic that he has raised on a number of occasions during the first few weeks of his papacy.

"In particular, it must not be forgotten that artificial intelligence functions as a tool for the good of human beings, not to diminish them or even to replace them," Leo said at an event held as part of the Roman Catholic Jubilee or Holy Year.

AI proponents say it will speed up scientific and technological progress and help people to carry out routine tasks, granting them more time to pursue higher-value and creative work.

The U.S.-born pontiff said attention was needed to protect "healthy, fair and sound lifestyles, especially for the good of younger generations."

He noted that AI's "static memory" was in no way comparable to the "creative, dynamic" power of human memory. "Our personal life has greater value than any algorithm, and social relationships require spaces for development that far transcend the limited patterns that any soulless machine can pre-package," he said. **Reuters**

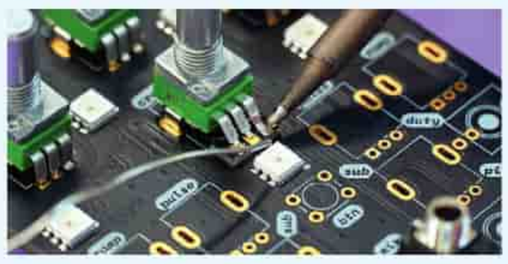
BITS & BYTES

SHAREHOLDERS SUE APPLE

Apple was sued on Friday by shareholders in a proposed securities fraud class action that accused it of downplaying how long it needed to integrate advanced artificial intelligence into its Siri voice assistant, hurting iPhone sales and its stock price. The complaint covers shareholders who suffered potentially hundreds of billions of dollars of losses in the year ending June 9, when Apple introduced several features and aesthetic improvements for its products but kept AI changes modest.

Apple did not immediately respond to requests for comment. **Reuters**

CHIPMAKERS IN US RADAR



The U.S. Department of Commerce is considering revoking authorizations granted in recent years to global chipmakers Samsung, SK Hynix and TSMC, making it more difficult for them to receive U.S. goods and technology at their plants in China, according to people familiar with the matter.

The chances of the United States withdrawing the authorizations are unclear. But with such a move, it would be harder for foreign chipmakers to operate in China, where they produce semiconductors used in a wide range of industries.

A White House official said the United States was "just laying the groundwork" in case the truce reached between the two countries fell apart. **Reuters**

STOP THE ROBOTAXIS

A group of Democratic lawmakers in Texas is asking Elon Musk to delay the planned rollout of driverless 'robotaxis' in the state this weekend to assure that the vehicles are safe.

In a letter, seven state legislators asked Tesla to wait until September when a new law takes effect that will require several checks before autonomous vehicles can be deployed without a human in the driver's seat. Tesla is slated to begin testing a dozen of what it calls robotaxis for paying customers on Sunday in an area of Austin, Texas. "We are formally requesting that Tesla delay autonomous robotaxi operations until the new law takes effect on September 1, 2025," the letter reads. **AP**

auto

PRE-OWNED VEHICLES

BMW

Sale BMW 330 LI M Sport Pro 2024, Petrol, 2500 KMS Run,CARBON Black, Excellent Condition. Call: 9844069444/ 333 Strictly Brokers Excuse

business

INVESTMENT

REQD funding for Govt tenders, for a B'lore based Housekeeping company, 14+Cr work orders in hand. Genuine persons 96868 39300

personal

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PRAVEEN residing at No. 688, 5th Main Road, 2nd Cross, Kamalanagar, Bangalore-79. I have changed my minor daughter (aged 5 years) (DOB: 29.04.2021) name from ADHYA.P to VIHANI NAVYA DEGGADE vide affidavit dated 14.03.2025 before Notary K.N. Ramadevi, Bengaluru.

I, Rekha Ravishankar W/o R Ravishankar R/o No 426/37 56th Cross 3rd Block Rajajinagar Bangalore North Karnataka 560010 Have Changed My Name To S Rekha

I, VINITHA FELIX Resident At No. 390, 7th Cross, MSR Nagar, Mathikere, MSRIT, Bengaluru-560054, have changed my name to VINITA FELIX vide affidavit dated: 20.06.2025 Sworn before notary: D Sarala Kumari, Bengaluru

I, Pampapathi Anusha Goudar D/o Mudlapur Goudar Pampapathi R/o 1851/B4, 2nd main, S S Layout, A block Davanagere 577004, have changed my name to Anusha Pampapathi Goudar for all purposes.

I Nataraj N V have changed my name to Nataraj Venkataramaiah vide affidavit dated 20-6-25 sworn before Notary K Mohan, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUNEENDRA.T**
S/o. Thippanna,
Age 36, Residing at;
Kamanadahalli Village,
Mavhalli Post, Kasaba
Hobli, Bangarpete
Taluk, Kolar District. I
have Changed My name
from **MUNEENDRA.T**
to **MUNEGOWDA.T.**
Vide Affidavit Dated:
20/06/2025 before K
C Prasadh, Advocate &
Notary.

'Kisses to you twin' Ananya Panday marked her 'mama's' birthday with a touching post, sharing a series of throwback pictures and videos that captured cute and funny moments from her childhood with her mother Bhavana

BangaloreMirror | 13
Sunday, June 22, 2025
mybangaloremirror@timesgroup.com
facebook.com/thebangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

With the times

How B-Town's leading ladies are adopting transformative lifestyle shifts

Green parenting goals

Alia Bhatt's eco-friendly choices extend into her personal life and business. Her brand Ed-a-Mamma promotes sustainable parenting, and she regularly speaks about clean eating, mindfulness, and reducing digital clutter—making well-being part of everyday family values.

Glow from within

Kiara Advani attributes her inner and outer glow to clean eating, meditation, and consistent wellness practices. She's part of a growing tribe of celebrities who champion self-care over fads, focusing on longevity and balance in both lifestyle and career.

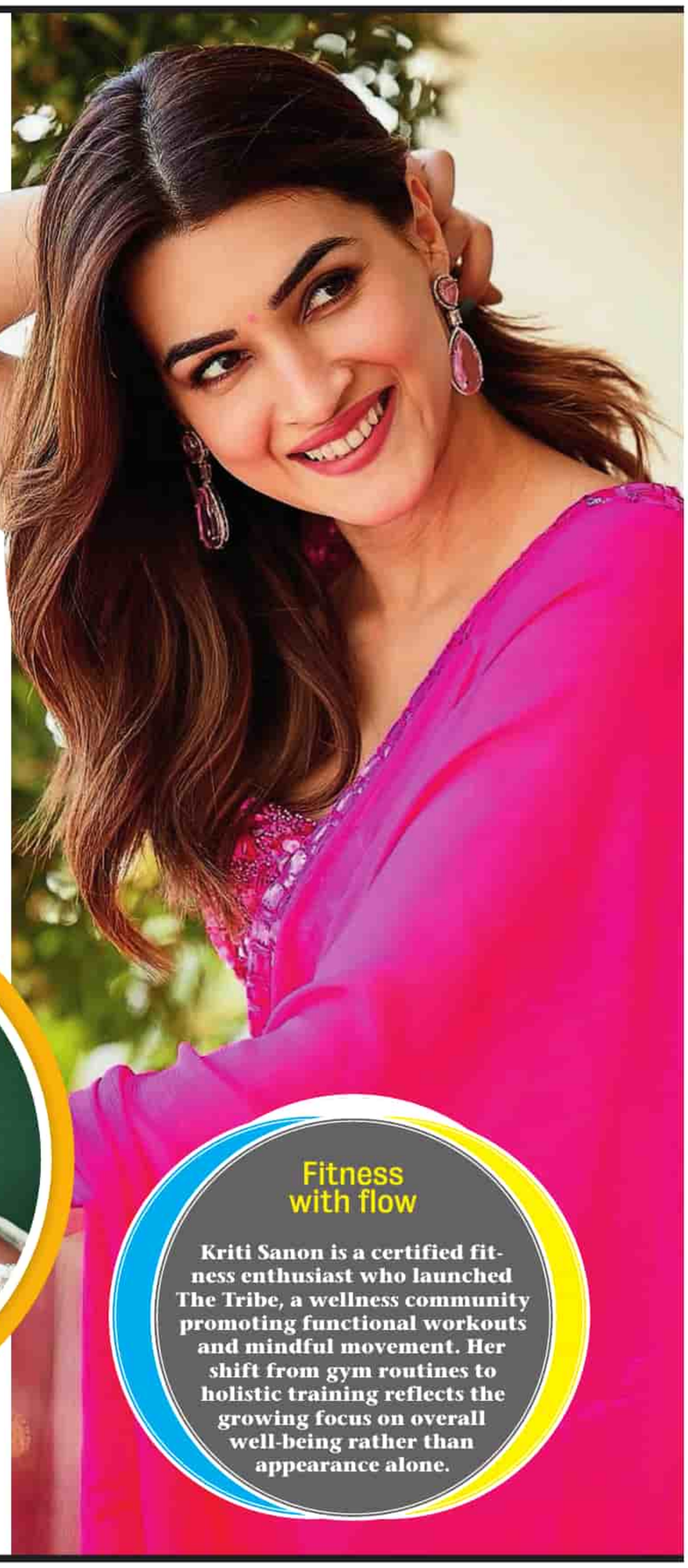
Strength through stillness

Deepika Padukone actively promotes mental wellness through her foundation LiveLoveLaugh and embraces yoga and meditation in her personal life. Her openness about depression broke barriers, inspiring many to prioritise emotional balance alongside professional achievement.

Plant-based power

Anushka Sharma follows a plant-based lifestyle and advocates sustainable, cruelty-free living. From her vegan diet to eco-conscious brand choices, she blends compassion with wellness—off screen and in business—setting a strong example for ethical celebrity influence.

— **Sonal Khandelwal, ETimes**



Fitness with flow

Kriti Sanon is a certified fitness enthusiast who launched The Tribe, a wellness community promoting functional workouts and mindful movement. Her shift from gym routines to holistic training reflects the growing focus on overall well-being rather than appearance alone.

'We wouldn't be able to make 'Slumdog Millionaire' today'

Oscar winner Danny Boyle says it's not possible to make "Slumdog Millionaire" now and believes "that's how it should be".

Boyle's directorial "Slumdog Millionaire" released in 2008 and went on to receive 8 Academy Awards at the 81st edition of the festival in 2009.

"We wouldn't be able to make that now. And that's how it should be. It's time to reflect on all that. We have to look at the cultural baggage we carry and the mark that we've left on the world," Boyle told The Guardian in an interview.

Starring Dev Patel and Freida Pinto in the lead roles, the British drama film followed the story of

Jamal Malik (Patel), a young man from the slums of Mumbai who appears on a reality game show "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire".

Asked if the film was a form of colonialism, the filmmaker said, "No, no... Well, only in the sense that everything is. At the time it felt radical. We made the decision that only a handful of us would go to Mumbai. We'd work with a big Indian crew and try to make a film within the culture.

But you're still an outsider. It's still a flawed method."

Boyle added he wouldn't even get the film financed if he were to make it in present. "That kind of cultural appropriation might be sanctioned at certain times. But at other times it cannot be. I mean, I'm proud of the film, but you wouldn't even contemplate doing something like that today. It wouldn't even get financed. Even if I was involved, I'd be looking for a young Indian filmmaker to shoot it."

—PTI

Who do you think is an animal here?

Expressing her anger and displeasure over the insensitive and reckless manner in which some humans were seen provoking a tiger that was minding its own business, actress Sadaa on Saturday said that she was "ashamed to bear the label of hopeless humanity".

The actress, who shared the video clip of a mob pelting the tiger with stones that was looking to head away on her Instagram page, wrote, "The deep sense of regret over humanity's impact on the planet and its inhabitants haunts me, making it hard to find peace. It's appalling how we destroy our harmonious relationship with nature and other species, all while many remain disturbingly apathetic, unbothered."

She further said,"The solution seems simple: empathy, responsibility & understanding– yet it's a change that feels impossibly distant."

Sadaa, at one point in time, was one of the top actresses in the Tamil and Telugu film industries before turning a wildlife photographer.

—IANS

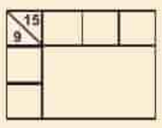
mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com
facebook.com/theBangaloremirror
@BangaloreMirror

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

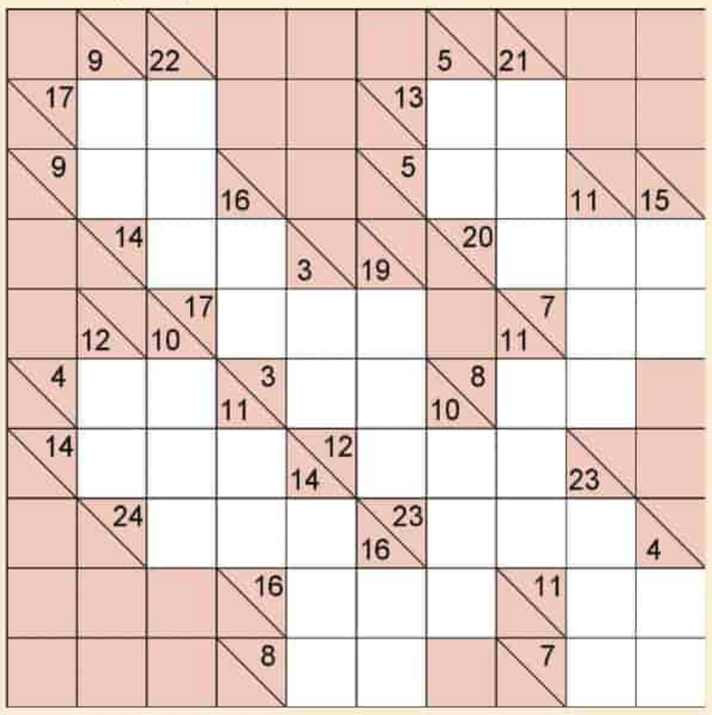
$(5^0+9^0)^7/2^5$= ?

Kakuro

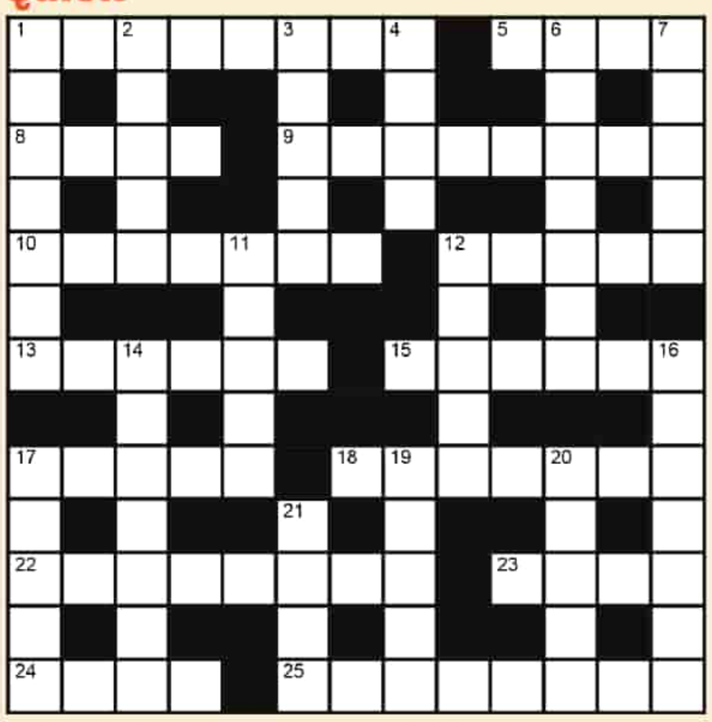
The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

1 Adolph Hitler's paramour (3,5)
5 Masculine person (4)
8 Jogging gait (4)
9 Heathrow, La Guardia, etc (8)
10 Foolish persons, dullards (7)
12 N American deer (5)
13 Monkey-like (6)
15 Arouse, incite or electrify (6)
17 Species or class (5)
18 Kingdoms or realms (7)
22 First rate, colloquially speaking? (3-5)
23 Plot (4)
24 Shout (4)
25 Child's pedal conveyance (8)

DOWN

1 Boundaries–"Tent sex" anagram? (7)
2 Take up as one's own (5)
3 Away from (5)
4 Police informer (sl). (4)
6 Presumptively, self-evidently (1,6)
7 Come next (5)
11 Fatuous (5)
12 Confusion or misunderstanding (3-2)
14 Hospital on Airport road (7)
16 Distinctive quality (7)
17 Manage but not very successfully? (3,2)
19 Great Muslim leader (5)
20 Survivor (5)
21 Coup d'- ___ : change of Govt. (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G

XQQS OBKWKZX WUGLR FQBL WIUZ VCRW WKFL; KW OUZWR JQCB HLRW FQFLZWR UZS WIL HLRW QA JQC.

Linemaro

I now believe in angels. Do you believe in fate?

Mindchow

Attach yourself as much as you can to people who are abler than you and yet not so very different that you cannot understand them

Joke of the day

Last night, my dog went on the paper four times... three of those times I was reading it

Loop

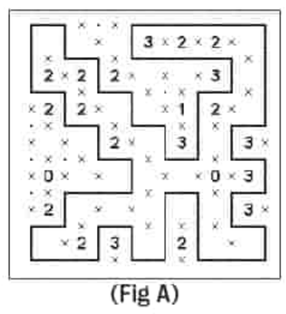
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

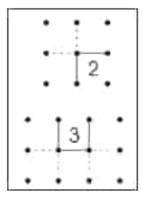
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

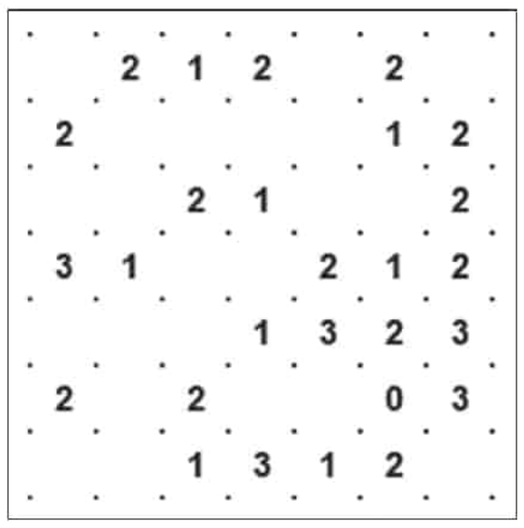
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



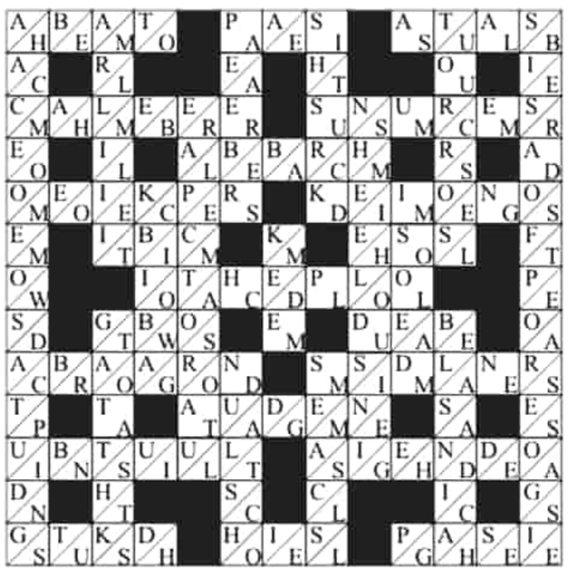
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2 H	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Horse; 6 Up err; 7 Amigo; 8 Dance; 9 Glean

DOWN

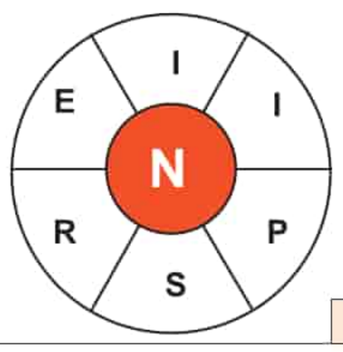
1 Aspic; 2 An Hum; 3 Organ; 4 Leger; 5 Do ere

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?

5	12	26	54	?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

10 Average; **12** Good; **14** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

			7		5		8	
		8	3			7	2	
4		6			8	1	3	
	5	2	1		6	4	7	
	1	7	2			5		9
	7	4			2	3		
	6		4		9			

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4

1 5 7 9

Medium = 6

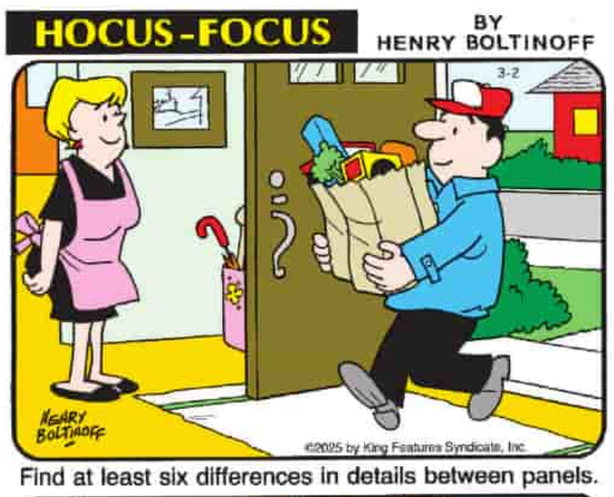
2 3 5 6

Hard = 13

2 3 5 7

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

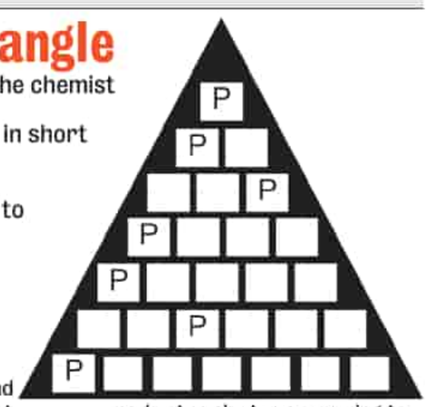
Differences: 1. Umbrella stand is taller. 2. Leg is shorter. 3. Picture is moved. 4. Bush is different. 5. Bag is larger. 6. Windows in door are lower.

Riddler

What do the following three items have in common? 1. A HUT 2. A MINE 3. A HOLM OAK

Alpha triangle

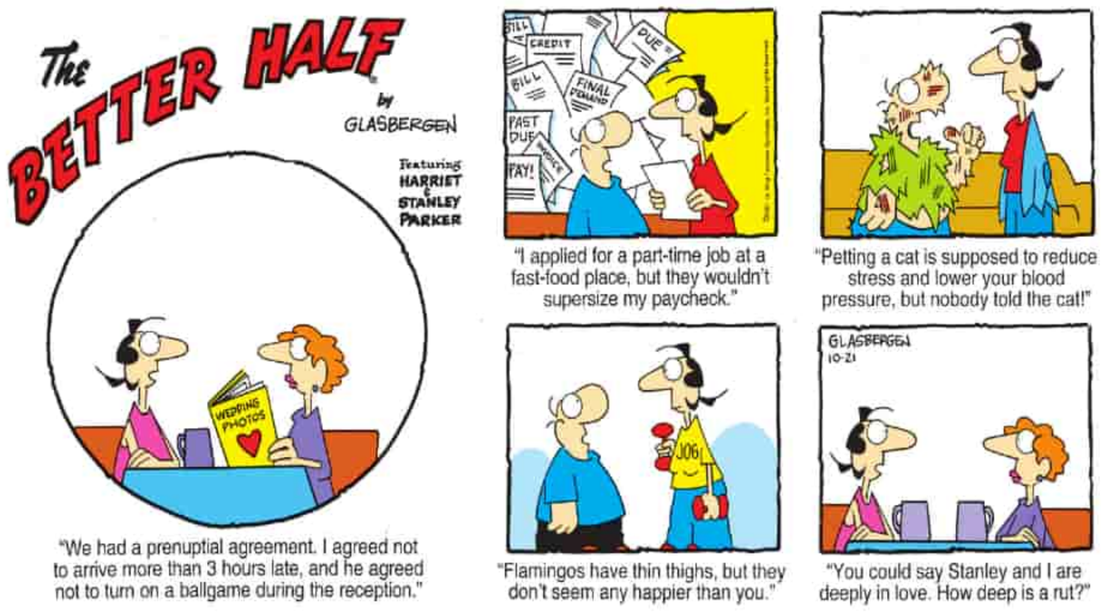
1 Phosphorus for the chemist
2 European river
3 Grand Old Party, in short
4 Stink
5 Tine
6 _ in : persuading to take part?
7 Investigating

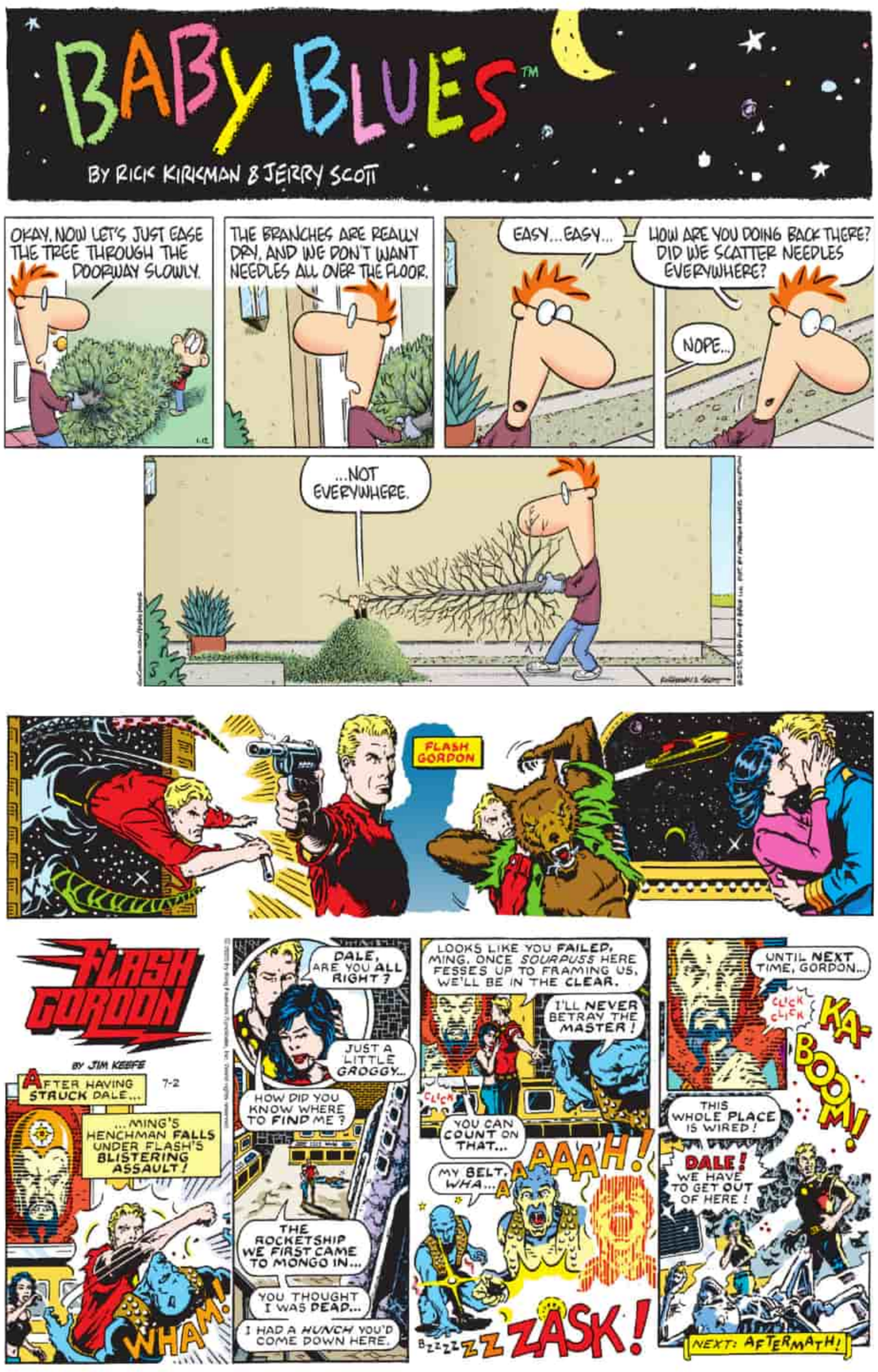


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS





WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You're likely to implement business plans successfully today, thanks to support from your subordinates. Participating in social or family gatherings may help expand your network. A short business-related trip is also possible and could bring near-future benefits.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Financial prospects look strong today. Gains from previous investments are likely, and curbing unnecessary expenses will boost savings. However, lovebirds are advised to communicate gently with their partners to avoid misunderstandings or conflicts.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Blessed by the Moon, your energy levels are high and your work life will be fulfilling. Romantic moments may enhance harmony at home. You might plan to start a new project, where attention to detail will matter. Job seekers may encounter promising opportunities. Avoid trivial arguments in relationships.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Disappointments may arise today. Be mindful of your tone, as arrogance could lead to setbacks or strained conversations. Lovebirds should communicate with care to maintain harmony and avoid friction.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
The Moon's blessings may bring new income opportunities. Profits from past investments may begin to show, turning previous losses into gains. Your overall financial condition could improve. Health concerns of your parents may also see improvement.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You'll be cheerful and focused on work. Seniors may appreciate your performance, possibly resulting in a promotion or increased responsibilities. Rivals will likely stay subdued. Singles and couples may receive family support for marriage-related decisions.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
The recent chaos begins to ease with the Moon's positive influence. Delayed projects may resume, and your persistence may finally be rewarded. Financial gains are likely, and you may spend on books, art, or begin planning for overseas travel.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Family responsibilities may take priority today. You might explore new income sources and show interest in creative fields like art, film, or glamour. Clarity will improve in relationships, and students will feel more connected to their career goals.

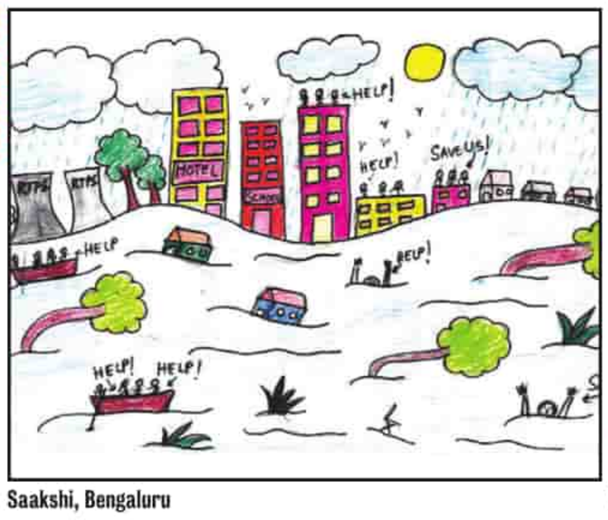
Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
You may feel mentally or physically low. Health concerns—your own or your spouse's—might affect focus. Avoid starting new business ventures to prevent potential losses. Students should remain grounded and focus on steady effort instead of daydreaming.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
The Moon's favourable influence improves your well-being. Long-standing health issues may resolve. Financially, you might recover previously stuck funds. Applying for a loan to purchase luxury items is also a possibility today.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Low energy may cause lethargy and poor focus. Impatience or carelessness might affect your work. Health concerns related to your children or spouse could increase stress. Avoid property investments, and lovebirds should avoid family-related disputes.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
You may feel surrounded by negativity or dissatisfaction. Avoid investing in unproductive or speculative assets. Friends may not offer the support you expect—manage your expectations. Rely on your intuition when making important decisions.

KIDZONE



Saakshi, Bengaluru

Sushmitha, Bengaluru

Kidzone, Bangalore Mirror, No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011;
Please send hard copies of your artwork in A4 size only.

SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
(1+1)!/2!
2!/2!
2!-!
4

BULL'S EYE
INSPIRE, pine, rein, resin, rinse, ripen, risen, sine, siren, snip, snipe, sniper, spin, spine

FAST FIVE

S	H	O	R	E
P	U	R	E	R
I	M	A	G	O
C	A	N	E	D
A	N	G	L	E

RIDDLER
They are all anagrams of US states. Utah, Maine and Oklahoma

STRIKE OUT

A	B	A	T	■	P	A	S	■	S	T	A	B	■	■
C	A	M	B	E	R	■	U	S	U	R	E	R	■	■
O	■	L	■	L	E	A	C	H	■	S	■	D	■	■
M	E	E	K	E	R	■	K	I	M	O	N	O	■	■
■	■	■	■	R	■	■	■	I	■	■	■	■	■	■
C	R	■	A	■	T	■	O	■	I	■	■	■	■	■
A	■	T	■	P	A	S	■	S	T	A	B	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

QUICK

E	V	A	B	R	A	U	N	■	M	A	L	E	■	■
X	■	D	■	■	A	■	■	P	■	■	■	■	■	■
T	R	O	T	■	A	I	R	P	O	R	T	S	■	■
E	■	P	■	■	R	■	K	■	I	■	■	U	■	■
N	I	T	W	I	T	S	■	M	O	O	S	E	■	■
T	■	■	■	N	■	■	■	I	■	■	■	■	■	■
S	I	M	I	A	N	■	E	X	C	I	T	E	■	■
■	■	■	■	N	■	■	■	R	■	■	■	■	■	■
G	E	N	R	E	■	E	M	P	I	R	E	S	■	■
E	■	I	■	■	E	■	A	■	■	■	■	E	■	■
T	O	P	N	O	T	C	H	■	P	L	A	N	■	■
B	■	A	■	■	A	■	D	■	I	■	■	C	■	■
Y	E	L	L	■	T	R	I	C	Y	C	L	E	■	■

MENSA PUZZLE
110. Starting on the left and moving right, double each number and add 2 to give the next number along.

QUOTE UNCODE
Good writing takes more than just time; it wants your best moments and the best of you.

SUDOKU

7	2	5	9	8	4	6	1	3
6	3	1	7	2	5	9	8	4
9	4	8	3	6	1	7	2	5
4	9	6	5	7	8	1	3	2
3	5	2	1	9	6	4	7	8
8	1	7	2	4	3	5	6	9
1	7	4	8	5	2	3	9	6
2	6	3	4	1	9	8	5	7
5	8	9	6	3	7	2	4	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Po, Gop, Pong, Prong, Roping, Probing.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 − 9 + 1 + 7 = 4
Medium
6 + 2 + 3 − 5 = 6
Hard
7 − 2 + 3 + 5 = 13

LOOP

KAKURO

Volume No 18, Issue No 025 RNI NO:KARENG/2007/22325 Published for the Proprietors, Metropolitan Media Company Ltd by R.J. Prakashan at No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru-560 011 and printed by him at Bennett Coleman & Co Ltd., The Times of India Press, No. 9/10/11-A, 4th Main, KIADB Bommasandra Industrial Area, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore - 560 099 (Phones : Press : 080-22899999; Editorial : 080-40877666, Fax – 40877545, Registered Office: No. 74/2, Sanjana Plaza, 4th & 5th Floor, Elephant Rock Road, Jayanagar 3rd block, Bengaluru - 560 011, Email : mybangaloremirror@timesofindia.com Editor : Ms. Seena Menon - responsible for selection of news under PRB Act. © Reproduction in whole or in part without the written permission of the Publisher is prohibited.

46 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

NARAYANA® EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

N-VAIDYA FOR NEET REPEATERS

The Smarter Way to Turn Setbacks into NEET Success

Specialised training. Expert guidance.
Personalised strategies to help you bounce back stronger.

NEET-2024 AIR-683095 → NEET-2025 AIR-2814

Safa Saif Quraishi
App.No: 250410192524

"I was broken after my first NEET attempt. At N-VAIDYA, I found the strategy, support, and belief I needed to rise again."

NEET-2024 AIR-801835 → NEET-2025 AIR-7713

Kamala Rao Kotha
App.No: 250410179690

"Narayana helped me unlearn my mistakes and relearn the right way. Every concept, every test took me closer to this score"

NEET-2024 AIR-762122 → NEET-2025 AIR-15559

Sai Jitendranaath PV
App.No: 250410733055

"My confidence was shattered. But the mentors at N-VAIDYA didn't give up on me - they rebuilt me, one chapter at a time."

NEET-2024 AIR-1314869 → NEET-2025 AIR-85033

Srinadh Mokati
App.No: 250410818497

"Repeating NEET felt scary - until Narayana showed me the science of scoring. Now I believe in second chances."

ALL INDIA OPEN CATEGORY RANKS IN TOP 20

NEET (UG) 2025

6 Students in Top 20 | **22** Students in Top 100 | **85** Students in Top 1000

ALL INDIA OPEN CATEGORY RANKS IN TOP 100

2025ರ NEET ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾರಾಯಣ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಸರಿಸಾಟಿಯಿಲ್ಲದ ಯಶಸ್ಸು

nPrep: Narayana Digital Learning Programme

Disclaimer: Any inadvertent error published in this advertisement could be brought to our notice

NARAYANA N-VAIDYA-2026

NEET REPEATER BATCH

New Batches From 27th June Onwards

Scan For Admission

NSAT

NARAYANA SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST

ASPIRE • ASSESS • ACHIEVE

Scholarships worth* ₹ 50+ Crore | Cash Prizes* ₹ 1+ Crore

SCAN to register

www.nsat.narayanagroup.com

nLearn Online self-learning app

nConnect Tech-enabled performance tracking

MEDISPARK Class VI-X

NARAYANA N-VAIDYA CENTERS

Rajajinagar : #390, 1st floor, 19th main, 1st block, besides Vasan eye care, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru -560010. **Ph: 9606980313, 9606980312.**
Nelamangala: Mallarabanawadi post, Soldevanahalli Road, near Yentuguna Halli Toll, Kunigal Highway, Nelemangala, Bengaluru -562123 **Ph: 7022294001, 7022293938.**
Kasturi Nagar : CO-CV Raman Bhavan : 7th cross , B Channasandra , Kasturi Nagar , Land mark : Behind Columbia Hospital, Bengaluru-560043, **Ph: 7022224095, 7022224102.**
Cheemasandra: Vagdevi bhavan (Boys Campus) : Virgo Nagar Post, Chemasandra Village, Near Avalahalli, Bengaluru-560049 **Ph: 9590459920, 7022001271.**
Bandapura: Puneet Bhavan (Girls Campus) : Bidire Agrahara, Bandapura, Near Avalahalli PS, Bengaluru -Hoskote Highway **Ph: 9590459920, 7022001271.**

Toll Free: 1800 102 3344 | **#YourDreamsAreOurDreams** | **www.narayanagroup.com**